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City increases water rate to defray service expense

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

City of Grayling residents will be paying a slight increase when it comes to city water rates.

The city council members approved a motion at their Feb. 24 council meeting to adopt a new rate structure to provide more adequate funding for the city's water/sewer enterprise fund. The increased rate will be spread over a three-year period with the rate being reviewed after each year by council.

The water rate per 1,000 gallons will increase from 83 cents to 88 cents. The sewer rate will remain at \$2.97.

The city's new water rate is still lower than the surrounding area, said Grayling City Manager Jerry Morford.

Grayling Mayor Robert Golnick pointed out that the increase was needed to balance the money being spent with the money coming in for the city water service. The water service is supposed to operate and pay for itself without having to spend money for it out of the general fund.

One disagreement which did arise at the council meeting concerning the water/sewer rates was the date it becomes effective. According to the motion which passed by a 4-1 vote, the

rates are retroactive to Jan. 1, 1997. The April city bill for January, February and March usage will be affected.

Roger Moshier, the council member who made the lone dissenting vote, said he believed the new rates should not go into effect until the next quarter, beginning with April use.

A month and a half of water already has been used, so it shouldn't be retroactive to Jan. 1, Moshier said.

Residents are billed quarterly, Morford said. The city has had a loss in the water fund over the last three years, so the city manager said he would prefer it go into effect now rather than April.

In other city council action, the council members decided to change the second of the two meetings

scheduled for the month of March. The council usually meets on the second and last Monday of each month, but the members approved a motion to change the March 31 meeting to March 24.

This will make the time between the meetings the normal two weeks and it will avoid the school break, Morford said.

Reading month to start in Frederic

March reading month at Frederic Elementary School will be starting one day early.

On Feb. 28, "The Wonderful World of Reading" will be kicked-off with an assembly beginning at 9 a.m. in the school's library.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs will be featured along with Cinderella's ugly step-sister.

Also on Feb. 28, Patty Clark, a story-teller, will present an art project that will spellbind the elementary students.

Community leaders will be reading to various classes throughout the month. During the first week of the program the readers will be as follows: on March 3, Terri Chott will be reading. Pat Nunn will be reading at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 4 and Thursday, March 6.

Lewis Madill will be reading at 9 a.m. on March 4. D. Vogel and J. Emmons will be reading at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., respectively, on March 5.

Paul Lerg will be reading at 9:30 a.m. on March 6 and Barb Mick will be reading at 9:30 a.m. on March 7.

Three bulletin boards have been created at the school to encourage the students to read.

"When you read upon a star" features Jiminy Cricket. For each book that students read they earn a colored star to place on the poster's rainbow. Each classroom has a special color for their stars.

"Bibbity, Bobbity, Boo! I read, do you?" features Cinderella's fairy god-mother asking all students to read.

At the entrance to the school's library is Cinderella's castle featuring

Treasurer to resign in March

Lovells Township Treasurer Dolores Haberland has handed in her resignation.

According to Haberland, the resignation, effective March 31, was handed in for personnel reasons.

The Lovells Township Board will hold a special meeting in March to appoint a new treasurer.

Activity center for youth set to open

The doors to a new community youth center will open on Saturday, March 1, for the first time. The Christian Youth Activity Center will be located in the former Fred Bear Museum at Hanson Hills.

The youth center will give sixth through 12th grade students something to do on weekend nights. The new activity center will be open on Friday nights, from 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturdays, from noon to 10 p.m.; and Sundays, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The center will feature an open gym, video games, a lounge area, pool tables, card tables and games. Organizers also are hoping to have other activities in the future, including summer concerts and speakers.

The cost is \$2 a day for gym use and video games will cost 25 cents. Parents can just drop their kids off at the youth center. A permission slip will have to be completed on the first visit. A hired person will always be at the youth center, organizers said.

The residents who have been working on the project include Robert McLachlan, Mary Nama, Robert Henley, Lyle Studer and Josh Colby.

The organizers felt there was a need in the community to find a safe and positive environment for the kids of the area. Businesses, service organizations and churches contributed to the effort to get things started.

Some items the youth center still needs include furniture, games, basketballs, a TV and a VCR, ping-pong tables and volleyball nets. Anyone wishing to donate needed items can contact McLachlan at 348-4440.

YOUTH GAMES — Video games and other items have been unloaded at the new youth center at Hanson Hills. The youth center is located in the former Fred Bear Museum. Daniel Jurkovich, left, and Robert McLachlan were two of the person who helped unload the items.

Ignash earns appointment to Air Force Academy

Congressman Dave Camp (R-Michigan) announced recently that Andrew Ignash has been appointed to the United States Air Force Academy.

"It's been a dream of mine to go into the Air Force," Ignash said.

Ignash, son of Robert and Bonnie Ignash of Grayling, is a Grayling High School graduate.

While at the academy Ignash plans to major in engineering throughout his

four years. Upon graduation from the academy Ignash would like to attend the flight school.

"I don't plan on being career Air Force. I'd rather finish out my commitment and then get into commercial flight," Ignash said.

Ignash is currently a cadet at the Marion Military Institute in Marion, Alabama.

Crawford County invite accepted by track leader

Lake County joins race for possibility of race-track facility in its area

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The promoters of the proposed Edges race-track project were "extremely enthusiastic" to hear of the large amount of people who showed up at the Feb. 18 Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Phil Parmelee, the lead promoter for the project, said he accepts the invitation from the county board to come back to Crawford County and further discuss the possibility of placing the race-track facility in Crawford County.

A motion was approved by the county commissioners at the Feb. 18 board meeting to invite Parmelee to meet with the Frederic Township board and/or an established task force. The motion was made after a number of Crawford County residents spoke at the meeting in favor of getting more information about the proposed project.

Parmelee originally proposed his project to the commissioners at the Feb. 4 board meeting. He said he would pass on a Crawford County location at that time, due to the mixed opinions of support and against the project from the commissioners.

It was quite fantastic to see the amount of signatures (approximately 3,000) garnered in such a short time from people who want to hear more details on the project, Parmelee said. "We are pleasantly surprised by the numbers," Parmelee said.

The Edges project was first proposed in Kalkaska County, but it was not finalized because promoters could not get the state land from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Parmelee will also have to attempt to get state land in Crawford County for the project.

"We have to follow DNR rules which we had to do in Kalkaska," Parmelee said. "After the site is determined and we get the township support, then we will file a request with the DNR. Then it is up to the DNR."

The promoters are attempting a little different strategy this time to acquire the state land needed. This time the group is asking for local people and local governmental support initially, Parmelee said. This should make the DNR act differently with the

community support.

The motion by the county board to invite Parmelee back also included a portion which states the commissioners will look favorably upon the acquisition of state land for this project.

Crawford County is not the only county looking into the possibility of having the race-track facility in its area. Parmelee has presented his project to Lake County too.

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**-- Phil Parmelee,
Lead promoter for
race-track facility**

According to Parmelee, Lake and Crawford counties are the only two being considered in Michigan at this time.

Parmelee said the group of promoters always has said they would discuss other locations until a final location is approved.

The proposed facility would include three race tracks — an oval, a road course and a drag strip. A major race through a racing circuit and a professional racer to sign on to the track are in the future plans, following the building of the facility.

Although a major race won't be able to be courted until the facility is built, the track is being built so NASCAR could run on it, Parmelee said.

Parmelee pointed out that promoters need to have a location and an insured facility in place before the race officials for the major races will even consider talking about a race on the track. The key is to get the land, Parmelee said.

A professional race car driver will be considered too. The project needs to be a sure thing and being built before any driver will put his "signature" on the track.

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Community says farewell to chamber director

by Eric Gaertner
 News Editor

Chamber officials are dropping (leaving) like flies.

Last month the former president of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, Don Schanz, and his wife Rae Ann Schanz had their farewell at the chamber's annual meeting.

Now, it is Chamber of Commerce Executive Jerry Meyer and his wife Nancy Meyer who are leaving. The farewell for the community leaders was held on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the chamber's "Business After Hours" segment.

An interim director, Ron Joyce of Grayling, has been hired by the chamber to fill in while the search for a permanent replacement for Meyer is sought. It is the hope of chamber officials to have a new director in place by the end of March.

Meyer, who has been the executive director for the past two years, announced his resignation a few weeks ago and will be taking a similar position in Rhode Island.

Gifts and speeches of gratitude were presented to the Meyers from chamber members and community organizations. The purpose of the farewell gathering was to honor Nancy and Jerry Meyer for the many items they have done for the community.

Facilitator, communicator and coordinator were the three words used by Chamber President Keith Kenney to represent the work Jerry Meyer has done for the community and chamber.

Kenney also used a phrase he heard from David Sabin which points out the result of Meyer's work, "Beginning to see a unity of purpose in our organizations and our community."

Sabin, a Grayling Area Visitors Council member, said Jerry Meyer gave direction and guidance to the visitors council and the chamber.

Community officials representing such organizations as the Grayling Promotional Association, Grayling Recreation Authority, AuSable Canoe Marathon and the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association.

The Meyers, who are moving to Rhode Island to be closer to their family, said they will miss the Grayling area and the people. Jerry Meyer said he has real special feelings about Grayling, because Grayling gave him a chance at being a chamber director.

"This community is going places and it won't stop here," Meyer said. "Have a good ride."

FAREWELL DINNER — Jerry and Nancy Meyer receive gifts from Mary Jo Conway, Grayling Promotional Association president. The Meyers farewell evening was put on by the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Local HIV prevention group launches new 1997 programs

The Regional Community Planning Group (RCPG) for the prevention of HIV in northern Michigan has launched several new educational programs here to increase the community's awareness of HIV and methods of prevention.

The new Opinion Leader Project addresses the special prevention concerns of the gay community. This program trains people who have credibility in this community to talk to others about ways to avoid HIV infection and about how to live healthy life styles.

RCPG will also be continuing its survey of HIV education in regional schools. As a result of last year's survey, schools reported an increased awareness of what they needed to provide appropriate HIV education.

Another program scheduled for continuation is the RCPG's support of

Teen Troupe, a group of high school students who reach out to their peers and younger children. Teen Troupe presents programs about acting responsibly, especially with respect to sexuality and HIV prevention.

Research shows that young people are at great risk of infection. Because of this, Wellness Networks of Grand Traverse, Friends North, and HIV/AIDS Networks and Direct Service will sponsor a program to provide information to this group about HIV prevention.

The RCPG is also sponsoring and funding HIV prevention and awareness programs at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City and Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant.

All programs selected for funding result from a careful examination of regional and national HIV statistics,

research-based projects, and needs assessment information. The projects use local residents in order to have more culturally sensitive programs.

RCPG members are available to community groups as speakers. They can discuss RCPG and its activities in the area, as well as the need for HIV prevention and awareness in northern Michigan.

The RCPG is also seeking new members. Those interested in attending or finding out more information should contact their local representative or Marilyn Lawrence at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency (formerly District Health Dept. #3, Charlevoix, (616) 547-6523. The nearest representative for the Crawford County area would be Donna Cawley in Gaylord. She can be reached at (517) 732-4273.

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Abstinence group to hold meeting

ALIVE!, a local group formed to promote teen abstinence from alcohol, tobacco, drugs, violence and sexual activity, will be holding its next meeting on March 4 at 7 p.m. at the Head Start building on Old 27 North.

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North legislation would leave gas tax increase up to voters

A proposal placing the question of a gas tax increase before the voters on the November 1998 ballot is now in the works, announced Senator Walter North (R-St. Ignace) Feb. 13.

North, sponsor of the legislation, explained the plan as follows:

The legislation would include the proposal of a six-cent increase in the state gas tax in 1999, followed by an additional two-cent increase in the year 2000. The legislation would require a two-thirds vote in both houses of the Legislature to be placed upon the ballot for voter approval or disapproval in November 1998.

"In my opinion, it is obvious that with term limits and the current political climate, the issue of raising the state gas tax will not be addressed this session," North said. "I am not a proponent of increasing the tax, but if the Legislature has not resolved the

issue prior to the next election, this proposal would, if approved, create a safety net for transportation infrastructure improvements."

North explained that some transportation reforms have been passed and other reforms are being worked on, including changes in the federal formula to return more money to Michigan. However, if these reforms do not generate enough revenue to meet the infrastructure needs, the adoption of the proposal would give voters another option to generate revenue. In addition, passing the resolution by a two-thirds vote in both houses would spare the expense and effort needed to put an initiative on the ballot through a petition drive, which would require 250,000 signatures.

The joint resolution is currently being drafted by the Legislative Service Bureau.



Information to bring when visiting a tax preparer

If you find you've accumulated a mountain of itemized receipts and old tax papers, the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) offers the following tips on what you may need to take with you when meeting with your CPA.

1. Prior to meeting with your tax preparer, review last year's tax return. When you compile your information, this will ensure you consider all income and deductions you've claimed in the past. Reviewing your last return can help you remember these details and determine whether they may be applicable in the current year.

2. Sort canceled checks and paid receipts by payee or type of deduction such as "doctor", "hospital", to save yourself the expense of having your CPA do a task you can easily do.

3. Be sure to bring all W-2s and 1099s. If you sold stocks in 1996, bring the information as to the date of sale and proceeds from the sale, as well as the data from when you bought it, including date of purchase and the amount you paid. If any dividends have been automatically reinvested, gather the amount of those dividends. Since these add to the cost basis of the investment, they will alter your gain or loss on the sale.

4. If you sold your house in 1996, bring all closing papers from the sale as well as the papers from when you purchased it. If you bought another house, bring the bill of sale and those closing papers also. Any major improvements to the house you sold, such as adding an addition, installing central air conditioning or lawn sprinklers, need to be documented as they may reduce the gain on the sale.

5. If you claim children under age 14 as dependents on your tax return and they have investment income greater than \$650, but less than \$5,000,

you may elect to include their investment income (interest and dividends) on your tax return. Be sure to bring your children's 1099s and social security numbers. If you choose not to include such income on your return, your child will nevertheless pay taxes based on your top marginal tax rate.

6. With day care becoming more common, the "Child and Dependent Care Credit" may be claimed against your income tax liability. If you or your spouse are gainfully employed with dependent children under the age of 13 in day care, you will need to bring names and social security numbers of the eligible children, along with a summary listing of all child care expenses incurred/paid in 1996 to day care centers or in-home care providers. Remember to bring information about care givers such as name, address, telephone number and either social security number or federal employer identification number.

7. People receiving social security benefits will need to bring Form SSA-1099, the "Social Security Benefit Statement," showing total social security benefits paid to you as well as Medicare premiums paid on your behalf. Up to 85 percent of social security benefits may be included in gross income, so your CPA will need this information to compute the taxable portion, if any, of your social security received.

8. Finally, write down any questions you may have before meeting with your CPA. If these questions are based on an article you've read, it's helpful to bring that with you. If a friend has offered tax advice given to them by their tax preparer, be sure to ask your CPA, since that advice may not be applicable to all situations.

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NEW LOFT -- The Grayling Head Start students (afternoon group) enjoy their new reading loft. In the loft are Matthew, left, and Bradley. Those in front of the loft, from left, are: Destine, Erica, Sara, teacher assistant Liz Schmidt, Rebecca and Susan. Not pictured are combo teacher Kelly Hamilton, disability aide Sue Hagle and lead teacher Lynn Newberry.

NARFE helps members cut through red tape

National Association of Retired Federal Employees' (NARFE) national and field organization, in conjunction with 150 community-based NARFE service centers, provides advice and assistance in resolving federal retirement and health-benefit matters for civil service annuitants.

NARFE cuts through red tape to help members obtain the benefits they have earned and deserve. In addition to solid legislative representation and professional retirement and health care benefits assistance, NARFE member-

ship includes special savings and discounts on a variety of products and services.

The local chapter of NARFE, Chapter 2305, will meet on Thursday, March 6, at the Iron Gate Restaurant in Grayling. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. with the business meeting starting at approximately 12:15 p.m. Membership is open to civilians with at least five years vested service in any agency of federal or District of Columbia government, including retirees, former employees, current employees and spouses.

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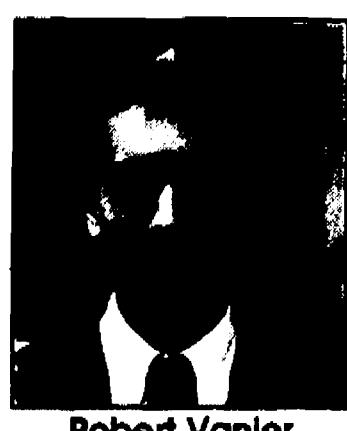
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OPINIONS

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Richard Millman



Maybe one side is winning this strike

THERE'S AN adage that strike is a two-sided coin.

In the case of the Detroit newspaper strike — now about 10 months out — the coin may not be entirely true.

During the past several new things are going the way of the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press, seen to be among the last holdouts in the newspaper world.

Steve Agopian, 51, corporation owner of The New, has risen from 154.75 shares of 19.5% of its assets while the strike has been going on. Steve is Knight-Ridder Corporation, owner of The Free Press, has gone from about 120.75 shares to 34.15.

Even in today's declining newspaper market there are respectable gains.

According to a recent report newspaper owners have eliminated 600 jobs during the strike and are operating better. There are jobs that have become outdated by technology and efficiency.

And some papers, while losing circulation, have had enough replacement workers to maintain journalism credibility.

They have never missed a day of publication.

At the same time, the newspapers have done a good job during a difficult and often

circumstances.

AND STRIKERS? How have the workers fared?

Overall, not nearly as well.

Some have taken other jobs somewhere else in the newspaper industry. Others have moved into other fields. Some others have managed to retire.

And many, many others have been drawing strike benefits and existing on a veritable financial shoestring.

With support from other unions, importantly the auto workers, workers have published their own newspaper for the public: The Sunday Journal.

It is an amateur credite newspaper with solid readership and has been around long enough now for members in the Michigan Press Association, the professional organization for Michigan newspapers.

Through all the sometimes-painful and always difficult months, the strikers have maintained their integrity. They have fought for what they believed.

In many ways that's really done an accomplishment.

But measures in dollars and cents in this round, the strikers have best owned, and management has best

won.

And monetarily, dollars and cents is really what's been decided all about.

THERE ARE other winners and losers in the Detroit strike.

Suburban newspapers — both weekly and daily — have benefited greatly from the strike.

Advertising has grown. So has circulation.

"A lot of people has not been exposed to our newspaper," said Dale Duncan, publisher of the daily Chautauq Press.

He said the strike "gave those readers a chance to see and read our paper regularly."

Circulation at Chautauq Press has risen more than 20 percent and the newspaper has added new hires for news and sales staff.

Richard Agopian, president of Observer and Eccentric newspapers — the largest group of non-daily newspapers in the Detroit suburbs — indicated similar gains for his publications.

But Mr. Agopian found a summer drop in sales development. He pointed out that advertisers and readers discovered other media and dropped newspapers as a regular part

of their lives and businesses, according to a report in The Free Press.

Said Mr. Agopian: "We've all been hurt. Those readers are gone forever."

HE'S RIGHT of course.

Newspapers are having a tough time encouraging new readers to replace older ones. That's a national development.

Younger generations are turning to television, or the internet, or other sources for their news. Or, even worse, they are turning our news awareness altogether. They aren't interested in news. They don't care.

Any reader loss to the newspaper business is important and as Dale Duncan points out: The Detroit strike has caused plenty of readers to look elsewhere.

Neither side or both sides may be winning the Detroit newspaper strike.

But one thing is sure: One real loser is the newspaper industry itself.

Probably the old adage is correct: In the end nobody wins a strike.

Everybody loses something.

Richard Millman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Race track project is wrong type of growth

To the editor:

In answer to the letters supporting the race track complex, let me say this:

You say board members said they have talked with people in their districts but you haven't been called. Shouldn't people be calling them?

None of our commissioners asked for technical information, such as finance, for the project. Who do you think is going to pay for the purchase of state land and maintenance of such a complex?

Also, could you please define the "economic boom" to our community?

and the 300 full-time and 2,000 part-time "well-paying jobs"? Don't make me laugh. It is winter from October to May in the north, so how many days of good weather do you think the track would be open and to what kind of race car? Have you ever heard the noise of a drag strip — it can be heard for miles.

Yes, we oppose the race track complex, because we care about the kind of growth for our community.

Al and Elaine Boyd

Grayling

Race track is not the kind of 'progress' needed

To the editor:

I am writing in response to the letters you received the last couple of weeks concerning the proposed race track.

I have lived in Crawford County for 47 years and my family has owned property here since 1966. I recently have purchased my first piece of land, so I feel I have a stake in what decisions are made for our community.

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To the gentlemen who wrote in last week's paper, if it's the city you want, there is plenty of it downstate. My suggestion is to move there. Those of us planning on having children, want them to grow up in safe and secure communities.

Yes, let's build the businesses that will better our area, and create decent jobs. Catering to the tourists does not always have to be the norm. I like being able to go into local stores and know the names of half the people there. That's why it's called "living in a small town." So if you are taking votes, my support stands with the board (in regards to Feb. 4 meeting).

Vicki Bookless
Grayling

POINT OF VIEW

by Jerry Morford, Grayling City Manager and City Clerk

City grows, develops over last 25 years

Here this is my first attempt at writing a brief column for your hometown paper the Crawford County Avalanche. Several weeks ago I was asked by Eric Gaertner of the Avalanche to participate with several other public officials or a rotating local column to replace a non-local column that used to appear in this space. There have been columns by James Briney and Gary McConnell, relating to their respective operations. Other authors are scheduled for future weeks; therefore, I confined my remarks to the City of Grayling's project and issues. This first column will be devoted to setting the stage for future columns by listing some of the project and issues which may be addressed.

My family and I moved to Grayling in June of 1972. One of the first events I became involved with was the centennial celebration for the city. The growth and development of the city during the first 10 years is well documented in the centennial booklet. I only purpose therefore to discuss the growth and development of Grayling over 25 years between 1972 and 1997.

In 1972 the City of Grayling contained about 1,000 in area and the city limits did not go any further than 1/2 mile to the west. The south had been cleared and along the business ring on the south the park.

The 1972 City of Grayling budget for the year was \$1.6 million with \$950,000 for operations and \$640 for debt retirement. Since that time there have been many changes in the City of

Grayling. The City of Grayling now has a \$500 in excess of 4 million and the city tax rate is 4.4 mill for operations and 10 mill for debt retirement.

The area economy, of course, has had its up and down but a partial list of projects and accomplishments since 1972 would include the following:

1. Annexation, of approximately two-third square miles of the City of Grayling and development of all businesses in the south 1/2 business loop area and the industrial park area.

2. Improvement in the city sewer system which includes removal of the city's waste water effluent from the AuSable River by construction of a sewer lagoon system south of the industrial park which was first used in 1973. Note: This lagoon system was completely updated and rebuilt in early 1996 to increase the capacity of the system from 500,000 gallons per day to 550,000 gallons per day and includes a spray irrigation system for final effluent disposal. 3. Sewage effluent has gone into the AuSable River since 1973.

4. The city's water system has been improved by the addition of a new water well north of town, Driveway Road off Komen Road and the building of a new 500,000-gal. water tower in the industrial park. This replaced the old water tower which held 100,000 gallons. These improvements effectively doubled the capacity of the city's water system along with the growth of the city's water needs by nearly increasing the size of several main and providing new service to the commercial and residential areas of the

city. The system should serve for many years to come.

5. The City of Grayling has had 20 street and sidewalk construction programs during the past 25 years and we now have the finest street system in Michigan for a city its size.

All of this has been accomplished through the cooperative efforts of the citizens of the City of Grayling working with city officials, business people, civic organizations and state and federal government. The list could be expanded much further than the above items. We should have talked about funding a new fire station, the renovation of City Hall and its occupation by the Michigan State Police Forensic Lab, the development of a children's playground in city park through volunteer efforts and city participation and many other projects including a new Master Plan which is currently being developed in cooperation with Grayling Township.

In future articles I hope to cover the private sector growth which has occurred in the City of Grayling and its impact on other projects which, while not located within the city, have impacted the area's economy by providing jobs for area residents. I would welcome your comments regarding these or other issues you may want to discuss. Please stop by City Hall at 119 S. James Street or call me at 344-2123.

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FROM OUR CORNER

By Whitley Madsen

Pondering events of the day, etc.

A little bit of this... and a little bit of that... of one man's opinions...

SPRING MUST BE just around the corner, the hibernation period is over... our natives have shown their restlessness in the past couple weeks over a proposed race track to be built in Crawford County.

The letters to the editor recently not only on the race track but on other happenings show that the people may be ready to get involved in what happens in Crawford County and Grayling.

Thus I may add is refreshing to get families to come here that will bring people to our area... but while you have your adrenaline flowing, look into bringing another chain grocery store to Grayling to help keep shoppers from going out of town... it might also help to get other merchants to locate here.

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Letters to the Editor and photographs must be turned in by Friday noon to be considered for the next issue. Please use every other line. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid in advance or they will not be published. Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Lowe named vice-chair of senior, veteran committee

Legislative leaders have chosen State Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling) as the Republican vice-chair of the House Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs Committee for the 1997-98 session.

"Allen is a proven leader on issues affecting seniors and veterans," said House Republican Leader Ken Sikkema (R-Grandville). "Last year, voters overwhelmingly approved his ballot proposal to protect the Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund. This important measure is just one example of how Allen has made a real difference in the Legislature."

Lowe is excited about his committee assignments for the next two years.

"Seniors and veterans have made tremendous sacrifices to make Michigan a better place," Lowe said.

"They've worked hard for their families and fought for our freedom. It's important to remember them as we develop state policy."

The 105th District lawmaker also looks forward to serving on the Forestry and Mineral Rights Committee.

"Natural resources are crucial to northern Michigan's future," Lowe said. "The recent controversy surrounding the Jordan River Valley demonstrates the need for a sound strategy that balances the needs of the environment and the economy."

The region's economic health depends on tourism. As a member of the House Tourism Committee, Lowe will work to promote and expand northern Michigan's travel industry.

"Communication and cooperation

are key if Michigan is to remain competitive with other states," Lowe said. "We must build public and private partnerships or fall behind."

"I hope that same spirit of

cooperation will emerge in each committee as we deal with issues that directly affect the quality of life in northern Michigan. With that goal in mind, I will pursue a positive agenda."

Local blood drive set

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 5, from noon to 5:45 p.m. at the Grayling American Legion. There is a continuing need for types O and B.

The following people were first-time donors at the January blood drive: William E. Boice, Denise English, Tomas A. Galvani, Cheryl A. Lucey, Todd A. Messerschmidt, John J. Ozoga, Donald F. Pennell, Suzanne S. Pennell, Wilbur G. Rauch, Cheryl A.

Russell and Alan Somero.

Gallon pins were received by: One gallon: John L. Welt, Christopher J. Lehti, and Mary L. Phelps; Two gallons: Rex Robbins, Thomas G. Brooks and Nancy P. Carlisle; Three gallons: Daniel B. Curtis, and Edward J. Martella; Four gallons: Dale E. French, Elmer A. Trombley; Six gallons: Larry R. Domcik; Seven gallons: Linda Stephan; Nine gallons: Larry Rouse.

The Crawford AuSable School District State of the School Address

Continued from last week

by Kent Reynolds,
School Superintendent

Our curriculum is under review and we are developing revisions to insure adherence to those state standards. Unfortunately, progress toward completion of curriculum revision has been slow as building construction projects and the NCA effort have consumed our time and energy.

Staff in the three elementary schools adapted to construction in their buildings during the first semester this year. Each building opened with a new grade level pattern. The middle school staff adjusted to the end of overcrowding. Curriculum development took a back seat.

We must use the time left during this school year to complete adjustment to the dramatic changes that occurred. The strategic planning process must be completed. Curriculum development in science, health, social studies, foreign language, art and physical education must be completed.

It is inconsistent that the state legislature has failed to adopt mandated curriculum standards but they have mandates testing which measure achievement of suggested state curriculum standards.

We believe that the suggested standards are appropriate and the curriculum we are adopting will prepare students to meet those suggested standards. Completing our curriculum work is important so that we can begin the next school year with a curriculum measured by the MEAP and state proficiency tests.

If the MEAP and proficiency tests measure achievement of standards that we believe students should meet, why are the tests so controversial? The state designed the tests to measure how well individual students meet standards.

The state designed the tests to help schools assess how well their curriculum prepares students to meet standards. The tests were not designed to allow comparison of schools. Too many variables exist between school buildings and school districts to make comparison of scores valid.

Variables influencing test results include whether labeled special education students are tested, the reading selection chosen for the test, the size of the school, school spending and district socio-economic levels.

To make the tests the primary standard for state accreditation or to mandate state take over of a district based on test scores ignores those variables, promotes cheating and reduces the real value of the tests. We will continue to use the tests as one tool for assessing our curriculum. We will continue to place a high priority on good test scores as one indication that our curriculum is appropriate.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Our school district is a mirror of our community. We do not exist in a vacuum. Events that impact us have an effect on every agency and organization. Events that affect them, have an impact on us.

The collaboration between the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, Probate Court, Family Independence Agency and Crawford AuSable School District to provide a community liaison officer is a success.

Troubled youth are monitored, a communication link between home, school and court is provided and a program to divert youth from trouble

into wholesome activities has been created.

The Grayling Youth Booster Club is a model for organizations dedicated to youth. Their leadership and contributions to youth are legend.

The Junior Achievement program at the middle school and high school is a product of collaboration between the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and the school district. Students have an introduction to the business world with a local flavor.

The Strong Families Safe Children program has provided a school nurse. The community education cultural events series is reported to be unique in the state. It could not exist without strong business partnerships.

D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) exists because of a collaborative effort by the Sheriff's Department and school district. Students develop skills to stay away from drugs thanks to the dedication of our deputies. Project Graduation, an overnight lock-in party following graduation provides activities without alcohol due to the efforts of a dedicated group of parents.

The Frederic Parents Group conducts the annual Frederic school fair, a highlight in the school year for students. The Grayling Elementary/AuSable Primary Parents Group is dedicated to playground improvement. All our civic organizations have a strong youth support component. We are fortunate to live in a community so dedicated to its children. We must continue to support collaborative efforts.

STATE DIRECTION

Not only do we not live in a local vacuum, but state and national policies and priorities influence our operation. Proposal A has brought stability to our budget because as one of the lowest spending districts in the state, we have been receiving double the increase in the state foundation grant.

I estimate that it will take another four years of double increases until all districts reach the base foundation grant level. If the formula does not change and the economy remains strong, increases after that time will barely keep up with inflation.

If the economy weakens, we could face deficits. The five-year plan under development must carefully outline our growth for the next five years to insure that vital programs are funded. There will not be funds for program growth after we reach the base foundation grant level.

State school laws currently support local control but legislative directives have been inconsistent causing confusion. First, a state mandated curriculum was directed by the legislature but now we have a state suggested set of curriculum outcomes with state mandated tests based on those suggested outcomes.

School districts may set their own educational priorities, but the governor advocates state take over of districts which do not meet the priorities which the state suggested.

The state made excuses for charter schools with low test scores stating that they were taking the tests for the first time. Public schools were criticized by the governor for low proficiency test scores though public schools were also taking them for the first time. We would like the opportunity to spend a year working on priorities we set locally without having to address the continually changing direction from Lansing.

PERSONNEL

Before closing, I want to recognize our staff. We are fortunate to have a skilled, dedicated group of teachers, administrators and support personnel. This last semester was challenging. Opening school with construction being completed, new grade level configurations at four buildings, a change in starting times and new parking and traffic patterns at several buildings required a coordinated effort by everyone.

Custodians cleaned, repaired and made the buildings ready for instruction. The effort by our custodial crew at the elementary schools was especially noteworthy.

Elementary teachers adapted to libraries under construction and guided students safely around playground construction.

Bus drivers adjusted to the new traffic patterns and schedules. Elementary food service personnel worked out of the old kitchen and then made the transition to the new kitchen over a weekend.

The leadership of our administrators gave us one of the smoothest school openings in memory. Administrators and teachers worked tirelessly to complete the NCA outcomes accreditation first stage planning process in less time than anyone thought possible. We celebrate our people. Thank you for your effort.

SUMMARY

In summary, we have many reasons to celebrate. The new AuSable Primary School, the renovated Grayling and Frederic Elementary Schools and our new athletic field are quality facilities that have brought pride to our community.

We are ready for developments in technology which will shape the next century. We are proud of the growth directed by the five-year plan adopted in June 1992. NCA accreditation is a stamp that advertises to the community and to those considering moving to our community that we support quality education. We recognize the improvement our fourth grade students made on the MEAP this fall. Our employees are our strength and we thank them for their effort.

As we complete our new five-year plan to guide us into the 21st century, we have set our direction. We must improve our high school and provide a facility for the curriculum of the 21st century.

We must continue to protect the annual district technology budget if we are to enable students to develop the skills necessary for work and life in the next century. We must develop strategies to raise high school daily attendance to 95 percent and we do it immediately.

We must develop programs which arm students with the skills they need to make responsible choices for healthy lives. We must develop vocational technical programs to prepare students for the work force of the 21st century. We must develop alternative education programs for elementary and middle school students and for younger high school students designed to address the way these students learn best.

We must continue to follow our adopted strategic plan and we must continue to maintain NCA accreditation. The strategic planning process must be completed. Curriculum development in science, health, social studies, foreign language, art and physical education must be completed.

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Ski Conditions Report

Projected Weekend Ski Conditions

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Average Base: 18-20 inches of packed powder and machine groomed snow. Downhill Surface Conditions: Eight trails and all lifts open. Cross Country Surface Conditions: Groomed with set track and skating lane. All trails open. Hours: Thurs. & Fri., 5-9 pm; Sat., 11 am - 9 pm; Sun., 11 am - 5 pm. 348-8296.

Cross Country Ski Headquarters - Higgins Lake

Average Base: 12 inches. Surface Conditions: Excellent, freshly groomed, eight trails open. Deep track set, Snow Cat combed. Hours: Open Friday & Saturday, 9 am to 9 pm; Sunday through Thursday, 10 am to 6 pm. Lighted trail open Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, dusk til 9 pm. (517) 621-6661. Special Note: Serving hot chocolate and hot dogs on Saturdays, and hot chocolate on Sundays in the Trapper's Cabin. Free skiing clinic Saturday, 4 pm, for classic and skating.

Cross Country Ski Shop - Grayling

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Submit your public events to the Crawford County Avalanche
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Deadline: Thursday noon

FEBRUARY 1997

Parent-Teacher Conferences
Thursday, Feb. 27

THURS. 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLAY GROUP meets @ Michelson Methodist Church, 2-3 pm. For more information call Joell Gabriel, 348-6389. MINIMAL FEE BLOOD PRESSURE screens & Blood Sugar screenings, 11 am-12 noon @ COA (Commission on Aging). TOPS MEETING @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. Call 275-9918 for more information. EARLY DISMISSAL for all students beginning with HS @ 12:16 pm, for parent-teacher conferences. PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES AP/GE/FE/MS 1:30-4:30 pm; HS 6-9 pm. TRAVEL & ADVENTURE SERIES "Return to Sweden" @ HS auditorium, 7:30 pm.
FRI. 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BBB vs. Elk Rapids, away, 6 pm. WRESTLING State team finals. END OF 2ND MARKING PERIOD for K-2.
SAT. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS DISTRICT BAND FESTIVAL @ Elk Rapids HS FORENSICS Mustang Invitational @ Portage Central WRESTLING State Team Finals VB DISTRICTS THE GLASS MENAGERIE performed by The Acting Co. @ KCC, 8 pm.
SUN. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today. FOLK MUSIC WITH JANET KRIST @ St. John Lutheran Church, 1 pm.
MON. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SURVIVORS OF INCEST & Sexual Abuse meeting @ New Life Community Services, 7-8:30 pm. Call 348-2544 for more information. FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE for all spring sports. KIWANIS CLUB MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. BBB DISTRICTS through the 7th. MEAP TEST for grades 5 & 8, writing/science, through the 14th. NORTHERN MICHIGAN SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES board of directors meeting, 10 am @ Baraga meeting room of the Offices of Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc., Gaylord. For information call (517) 732-1791.
TUES. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PROJECT GRADUATION MEETING @ HS conference room, 7 pm. ADHD PARENTS support group meeting @ 615 S. Elm, Gaylord, 7 pm. For information call (517) 732-3529. AUSSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON joint meeting @ Mio AuSable Restaurant, 7 pm.
WED. 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-2 REPORT CARDS sent home. WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W.; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321. CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE @ American Legion Hall, 12 noon-5:45 pm. IMMUNIZATION CLINIC @ district health department. ROTARY CLUB meeting @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon.



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Creationism

Last fall Pope John Paul II delivered a speech on evolution in French to the Pontifical Academy of Science. The Vatican Information Service quoted the Pope as saying that evolution is "more than a hypothesis." The New York Times and other newspapers carried front page stories on this "new" teaching by the Pope. Even the *L'Osservatore Romano*, the official publication of the Holy See carried this so-called new position. Now we are told the position of the Pope has not changed at all. He was misinterpreted, thereby misinterpreting him as supportive of the evolutionary theory.

No human was alive to bear scientific record of the evidence of origins. No scientific tests can be made to prove the method of origins. As God asked Job, (Job 38:4) "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding."

Man can only have theories and models of origins. Science has no absolute facts or proof of origins. Evolution remains only a human theory, not fact!

The following is the literal record of creation from the Bible: (Genesis 1:1) "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Genesis 1:27) "And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so." (25) And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. (26) And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon

the earth. (27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

How can we believe God created everything from nothing? (Psalms 33:6&9) "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth." (9) For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast." (Hebrews 11:3) "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

Pastor "B"

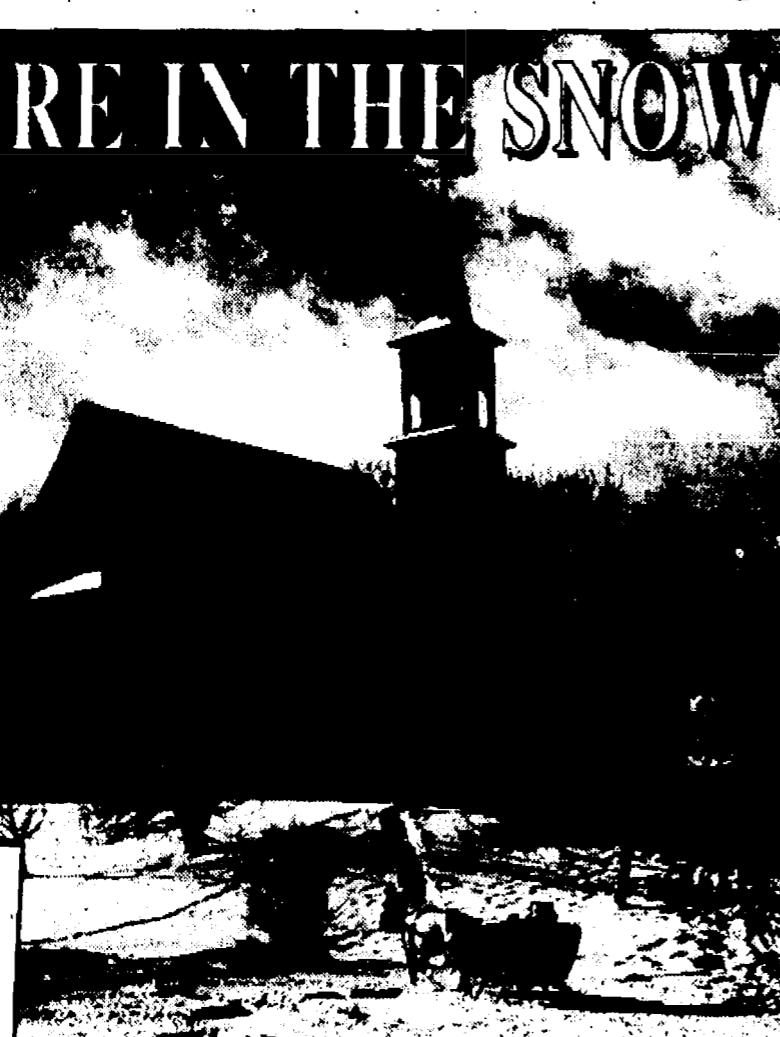
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SPIRE IN THE SNOW

Sunday Psalm 63
Monday Romans 8:18-30
Tuesday 2 Corinthians 1:1-11
Wednesday Ephesians 1:1-14
Thursday Ephesians 1:15-23
Friday Philippians 1:1-11
Saturday Ephesians 2:1-10



Next time you see a church standing in the snow, its spire raised to the winter sky, think how hard it was to attend church services in your grandfather's day.

Then it was a matter of getting up in the cold chill of early morning, hitching up the horse and sled and jingling across the countryside with sharp icicles of wind stinging your cheeks. Yet, few stayed at home because of the weather.

Today, it is relatively easy for all of us to get to church. Whether we live in the city or in the country, modern transportation can bring us conveniently to the doors of the church. Yet, we are far more apt to stay home than grandfather was.

Grandfather realized there was so much to be gained by making his pilgrimage through the snow. Only sickness could have kept him at home. He knew that few experiences were richer than worshiping in God's house each week. If we stop to think...and if we're honest with ourselves...we'll know it too.

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Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
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Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 p.m.

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United Methodist Church
Pastor J. Douglas Paterson
400 Michigan Ave.
348-2974

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Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
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inside camp entrance).
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Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.
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Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
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Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 p.m.

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Salt can damage landscape plants

The same deicing salt that's used to take some of the hazard out of driving or walking in winter can be a hazard itself to landscape plants.

Salt can damage or even kill landscape plants, said Curt Peterson, extension horticulture specialist at Michigan State University.

"Probably everyone who drives in Michigan is familiar with the sight of pine trees along an interstate highway that are brown on the side near the road because of flying salt spray," he observed.

Salty slush pushed off roads and sidewalks can also damage plants by killing twigs and buds or soaking into the soil where the salt burns the roots. If plant roots take up salt from the soil, it can accumulate to toxic levels and kill the whole plant.

For homeowners, protecting landscape plants can begin with careful choice of plants and planting sites.

A study done at MSU some years ago showed that white and red pine are among the most salt-sensitive landscape plants. Others are barberry,

dogwood and common privet. Austrian pine and spruce, on the other hand, were more tolerant. Other less sensitive plants included red cedar, horse chestnut, Russian olive, honey locust and black locust.

Peterson advises homeowners to avoid planting trees and shrubs in areas where exposure to salt spray or salty slush or runoff is likely or to plant only ornamentals known to be highly tolerant of salt in the environment. Highly sensitive plants up to 200 feet away from roads with high speed traffic may be damaged by flying salt spray. In residential neighborhoods with slower traffic, a setback of 60 feet from salted roadways and sidewalks may be sufficient.

Another way to reduce the chance of salt damage to landscape plants is to avoid the use of salt around the home. Some sources recommend using fertilizer as a deicer, but excessive fertilizer can also damage plants. Peterson pointed out. Sand or sodium-free deicers are a better choice. If salt

is used, use it sparingly and avoid shoveling salt-laden snow or slush onto plants or the soil beneath them.

Plants already in place in the landscape can be protected from airborne salt spray with burlap, canvas or durable plastic screens fastened to sturdy stakes.

To lessen salt damage to plants, wash salt from the foliage if there is a break in the weather. In the spring heavy watering (or rain) after the ground thaws can leach salt out of the root zones of plants growing in well-drained areas.

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Rec plan provides guide for county

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

Crawford County has a recreation plan to use as a guide for recreation projects over the next five years.

The county commissioners approved a motion at their Feb. 18 board meeting to adopt the proposed recreation plan as prepared by the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) for the years of 1997 through 2002.

The lengthy recreation plan is available for public viewing at the county clerk's office in the Crawford County Courthouse.

The plan is a wish list and guide for future recreation projects and purchases for the future. The recreation plan includes a listing of the possible project cost. Municipalities need recreation plans, such as this one, to apply for grant money for these projects.

The process of developing this plan began in 1995 when commissioners expressed a need for a new recreation plan for the county. The previous recreation plan was adopted in 1989.

Recreation information was gathered by NEMCOG from the townships, the City of Grayling, the Grayling Recreation Authority and the Department of Natural Resources. All county municipalities were asked if they would like to be included and Frederic Township, Lovells Township and the City of Grayling were interested and included in the plan.

The recreation plan also includes an

explanation of the reasoning behind each recreation project being in the plan as a possible future development.

Crawford County listed six recreation projects in its capital improvement schedule as possible projects. Five of the six improvements listed involved the county fairgrounds.

The other "wish-list" item is the biggest of the six. It is a proposed Crawford County Recreation Center. According to the plan, the facility would include a swimming pool, whirlpools, basketball courts, indoor running track and weight rooms.

The reason for including this as a possible project was "a county recreation public opinion survey identified this type of facility as the most important for the area."

The maintenance and improvement list for Hanson Hills ran by the Grayling Recreation Authority included 32 items. These items ranged from developing mountain bike trails to replacing tow ropes. Another possible item included was a proposed band shell.

The City of Grayling listed four areas for possible future improvements and general maintenance in the plan. The four project areas are the Grayling City Park, Crawford County and Children's Recreation Center, City Hall Park, and the Kid's Fishing Hole.

The proposed improvements for the city parks and recreation center is to add a picnic area to the locations.

Two of the "wish-list" items mentioned in the Frederic Township

portion of the recreation plan are for the township park. These two items are a pavilion and a baseball diamond. Other proposed projects were set to improve the township nature area.

Lovells Township has three possible improvements listed for Douglas Park. The biggest proposed item is construction of a tennis court/basketball court. This would include curbs and drains for use as an ice-skating rink.

In addition to the county public hearing held Feb. 18, the City of Grayling, Lovells Township and Frederic Township also held public hearings for possible items to include in the recreation plan. The plan is a guide and items can be added if improved.

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Fishing contest to benefit canoe marathon

On March 1 and 2, a fishing contest to benefit the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, will be held at Lake Mio.

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Sign up is at Skip's. All fish should be checked in at Skip's before closing at 6 p.m. on Saturday and before 2 p.m. on Sunday.

At 4 p.m. on Sunday a special drawing to win fishing equipment will be held at the Red Barn.

Warriors raise money for Special Olympics

The Wertz Warriors, a group of 64 snowmobilers and approximately 20 support crew members, made their 16th annual ride across Northern Michigan recently to raise funds for Special Olympics.

The group, started by Vic Wertz a Hall of Famer with the Detroit Tigers, started this year's trek near Tawas and covered 865 miles during the week-long ride.

The group raised \$328,000 for Special Olympics with the help of many businesses.

One of the biggest checks presented to the group was from Dingman's Bar. According to Pat Modos, manager of Dingman's Bar, a check for over

\$20,000 was presented to the Wertz Warriors.

Modos, who rode with the Warriors for the second year in a row, said "the best part of the ride is at Sugar Loaf Resort."

At the resort over 1,000 Special Olympians were on hand for the festivities.

"We gave them a ride on our snowmobiles," Modos said. "To see their smiling faces makes everything worthwhile."

Dingman's Bar uses its annual auction and pig roast -- held the first weekend in August -- to raise the funds donated to Wertz Warriors.

Watercraft registrations can be renewed by phone

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller recently kicked-off the "Don't be left at the dock!" campaign to encourage watercraft owners to renew their boat registrations by touch-tone telephone.

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BRIEFS

Adrian names dean's list

Three area students were named to the Adrian College dean's list for the 1996 fall semester. Those students are as follows: Brooke L. Blaauw, a freshman planning a major in psychology, is a 1996 graduate of Grayling High School and the daughter of Ted and Mary Kay Blaauw. Caleb E. Casey, a senior majoring in English, is a 1993 graduate of Grayling High School and the son of Gerald and Ginger Casey. Valerie K. Poynter, a sophomore planning a major in elementary education is a 1995 graduate of Roscommon High School and the daughter of David and Peggy Poynter.

Amman, Choszcyk named to Alma list

Sarah Amman and Deborah Choszcyk, both of Grayling, were recently named to the Alma College dean's list for the 1996 fall term. Both had to achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average.

Funds raised for playground equipment

Since the beginning of the school year approximately \$1,500 in the Pennies for Playgrounds program has been raised to purchase new playground equipment for the AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary schools. Jugs were placed in each classroom in each building to be filled with pennies. These jugs will remain in the classrooms until the end of the year. The Eagles Club helped the fund-raiser by donating a \$200 check.

Infrastructure work study to be held

A work study session to discuss Grayling High School infrastructure needs will be held at 7 p.m., March 3 in the GHS media center.

Krist to be featured at St. John's

Folk singer Janet Krist will be in concert on Sunday, March 2, beginning at 1 p.m. The concert will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, 710 Spruce St., Grayling.

Lions winner announced

Winner No. 13 of the Grayling Lion's Club Lucky 13 drawing was Hubert Ingram of Grayling. Ingram won \$300.

Lunch series continues

This Thursday, March 6, from noon to 1 p.m. Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church Lunch Bag Series speaker is Dr. Fahd Al-Saghir from Syria. The series takes place in the Fellowship Hall at the church located 400 Michigan Ave., Grayling.

Parent/teacher conferences to be held

On Thursday, Feb. 27, parent/teacher conferences will be held at the AuSable Primary School, Grayling Elementary School and Grayling Middle School from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Conferences will be held at Grayling High School from 6 to 9 p.m. on the same date.

Retired state employees to have meeting

The regular meeting of the North Central Area Chapter No. 19 of the State Employee Retirees Association will be held Tuesday, March 4, at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 2 p.m.

Retirement party for "Biker Bob"

A retirement party for MSG Robert "Biker Bob" Annis will be held on March 7 from 5 p.m. to midnight at the Holiday Inn of Grayling.

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Task force developed to examine track proposal

by Eric Gaertner

News Editor

A task force has been developed by two county residents who want to look into the possibility of bringing a race-track facility to Crawford County.

The purpose of the task force is to work with the promoters of the race-track project, Crawford County and township officials, and the county residents.

John Schneider and Fred Fedak, the two residents who led the petition drive and the community drive to bring the project promoters back, are the organizers and two of the task force members.

Schneider and Fedak attempted to get representation from specific areas to work on the project. Joining the two private residents on the task force are William Carey, an attorney; John Alef, a banker; Kathy Black, a Crawford County commissioner; and Mike Girard, a Frederic Township board member.

According to Schneider, the task force will be meeting sometime this week to discuss the possible location of the race-track facility and other items of concern. The plan is to then meet with the four partners, including lead promoter Phil Parmelee, to discuss issues for the project in Crawford

County.

Public hearings with the task force and Parmelee will be scheduled following these two meetings, Schneider said. This will give the public a chance to receive answers to project questions and concerns.

The first meetings will focus on picking a specific site within Crawford County to move forward with the project. The three possible sites being looked at are along County Road 612 near I-75 in Frederic Township, north of the Grayling High School on Old 27 in Frederic Township, and near Fletcher Road in Beaver Creek Township.

The public hearings will provide answers to county residents' questions. Some of the questions which have already arisen in recent board meetings include traffic, noise and wages of the jobs created.

"From the start we have said there will be noise and traffic," Parmelee said. "We will do everything we can to control the noise, but there will be some."

The local infrastructure will be key to handle the increase in traffic. According to Parmelee, funds through the Michigan Jobs Commission are out there for roads to be had.

Promoters have estimated that the race-track facility will create 300 full-time and 2,000 part-time jobs for the community. Schneider said he directed that concern to the promoters.

They said the 300 full-time jobs would be at least at a wage of \$7.50 an hour, because they will be working with the Michigan Jobs Commission. The jobs will include clerical, computer-type positions, grounds keeping, maintenance and others.

March 1 date set to meet in Lovells

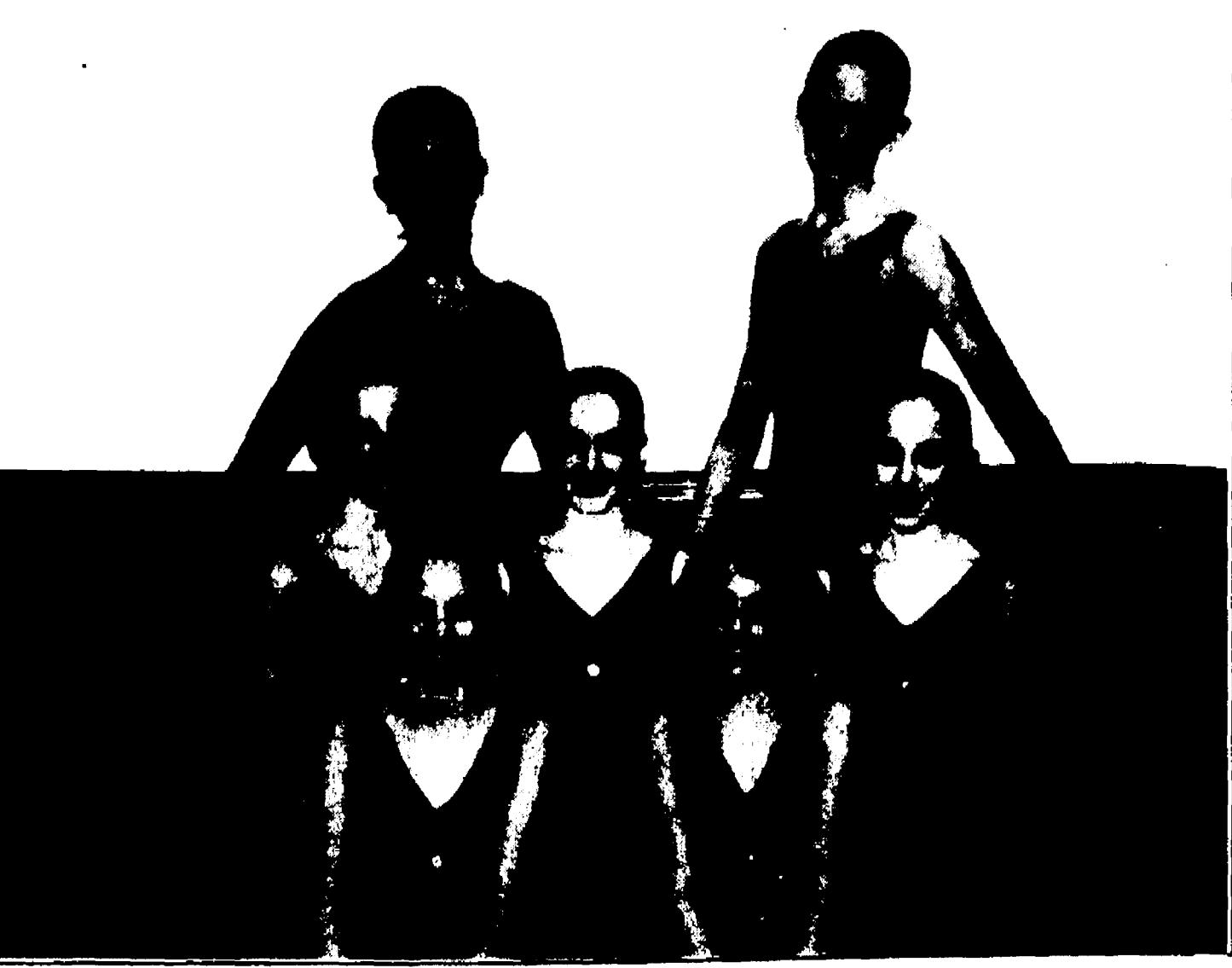
It has been nearly a month since the Lovells Anti-Crime Association (LACA) was formed in direct response to a spate of breakings and enterings in the Lovells Township area.

The anti-crime group of township residents will conduct its second meeting on Saturday, March 1, at 1 p.m. The meeting which is open to the public will be held at the Lovells Township Hall.

The LACA was formed following a gathering which included 62 Lovells area property owners, Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely and county commissioners Bruce Bretzke and Robert Smock.

The group was set up on Feb. 1 to work on protecting area properties from having these breakings and enterings occur. LACA is looking for the initial members and new members to attend the March 1 meeting to discuss how things have gone so far and to bring up any new ideas.

"Even though the police have apprehended three of the suspected criminals, we know there are more out there and we must not let our guard down," a press release from LACA officials stated. "We need to work together to stop these B&Es and we must protect our properties to the best of our lawful abilities."



YOUNG DANCERS — These dancers from the Louise Tournaud's School of Dance donated their Sunday afternoon to the Grayling Mercy Hospital's program, "Music a Healing Art." The girls danced to the sounds of Al Bondar. The dancers are (front, from left): Sarah Golnick, Lexi Bondar, (middle) Tara Papendick, Ashley Longendyke, Felicia Phillips, (back) Brandi McClain and Jill St Germain.

School science fair is underway

The 1997 seventh through 12 grade Science and Arts Fair has officially started as entrants have submitted proposals for projects to be judged on March 14 and displayed on the morning of March 15 at the Grayling Middle School Gym and Cafeteria.

The Fair Committee, consisting of Melissa Stone, Daniel Pommell, Larry Austin (GMS instructors), Mike Dean and Chuck Schepke (GHS instructors), Karen Langseth (at large), and R. J. Hannan, director of Community Education, has been meeting to ensure another successful event.

Without revealing some surprises for this year's event, participants entering winning projects will receive something special in addition to the traditional first, second, and third place ribbons. Also, participants will receive certificates of recognition to be placed in their portfolios.

Entry packets detailing rules and judging were distributed in the middle school and high school shortly after the start of the second semester. All entries will be assigned a project number by the Fair Committee and will appear in the program guide

distributed to those persons attending the display on Saturday, March 15.

The annual Science and Art Fair offers the opportunity for students to showcase a project in a specific area as well as demonstrate extended learning in a particular area or facet of the subject matter. In past years, some very unusual and interesting projects have been demonstrated and displayed for the community.

The organizers hope that this year's turnout will provide some new surprises. The fair will take place on March 15 at the GMS gym and cafeteria between 8 a.m. and noon.

Requests denied for added employees

The Crawford County court system and 911 central dispatch department will not be getting additional employees which were requested due to understaffing problems, at least not at this time.

The funding was not available in the 1997 Crawford County budget for the new hire positions, so the county board of commissioners decided not to honor the request from the county departments at the Feb. 18 board meeting.

The requests were made at the Feb. 4 board meeting to hire a compliance officer/civil clerk and a 911 dispatcher. The commissioners passed a motion at the Feb. 4 meeting to honor the request with first referring the request to the county treasurer to advise of any available funding for the positions.

Crawford County Treasurer Joe Wakeley reviewed the budget to see where there may be some funds available to the two positions. According to Wakeley, the estimated cost for each position would be \$25,000, which includes fringe benefits, for the proposed court employee and \$28,000, which also

includes fringe benefits, for the proposed new dispatcher.

Wakeley presented the information that there was some money in a couple of areas which could be switched around, but he could not see where there could be enough switched to accommodate the new positions.

There were some "ifs" in the process to locate the needed funds, but Wakeley said he did not provide a yes or no

answer because it was the board's decision.

Board Chairman Bruce Bretzke pointed out that the lack of a decision to grant the two new positions does not mean the requests are totally denied. He said this means the requests can not be accommodated right now.

The requested dispatcher position would be an additional employee to handle the 911 calls and other items

Snowmobile task force organized in Frederic

A recent township meeting has sent a proposed snowmobile task force into motion. Although the group has not yet met, the set up of the task force is being finalized by officials.

The idea of having a snowmobile task force came about during the public discussion between Frederic Township residents and area officials on the problems caused by the recent increase in snowmobilers in the Frederic area.

The increase over the last few years is connected with the Gaylord-to-Frederic snowmobile trail which was opened.

The public discussion was conducted at the Feb. 11 Frederic Township board meeting. Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely, local

Department of Natural Resources officials and the township board members discussed the issue with full meeting room of private residents.

The concept of a volunteer task force to research the matter in-depth was proposed to come up with a balance for snowmobilers and private land owners in the Frederic area.

A list of 12 residents who will participate in the volunteer task force has been gathered, said Frederic Township Supervisor Brian Hulbert.

According to Hulbert, Frederic resident Doug Slater, who volunteered to head the snowmobile task force, is in the process of gathering information on the subject and will be calling the first meeting in the near future.

Money matched for officer

Crawford County has joined the effort of a state block grant and the Crawford AuSable Schools to help handle juvenile violence and delinquency in the county.

"Michigan's tax laws are constantly changing," Lowe said. "The 1996 Michigan Taxpayer's Guide contains concise, practical information that enables residents filing their own returns to stay abreast of the latest policies. I urge everyone to pick up a copy."

The guide contains tax forms and a list of phone numbers for assistance. Individuals needing booklets or more information can call Lowe's office at (517) 373-0829.

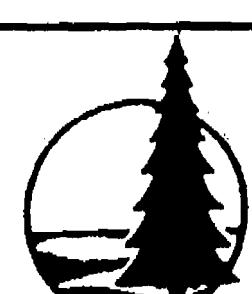
The Crawford AuSable Board of Education also agreed to provide funds up to \$5,000 for the program at a school board meeting earlier in February.

The combined effort of the school board and county board will be for the local matching funds needed for the program. The total program cost will run from \$55,000 to \$58,000, so more funds were needed in addition to the block grant money.

The funds will be used to hire a county law enforcement officer. The officer's job will focus on juvenile activity.

The block grant was issued by the Office of Drug Control Policy.

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BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee — 348-7017

Mrs. Barbara Carlson of Walled Lake spent several days recently visiting Mrs. Aggie Post and visiting other former Grayling friends, Helen and Norm Feldhauser. Barbara has retired from teaching in Novi.

A phone call from Jack Perry from Florida informed us that he is doing very well following his lung surgery. He will not require any chemo or radiation and his strength is progressing. He was extremely pleased with all of the get-well cards that he received from his friends.

That's one of the differences in small towns: people know one another, remember old friends and share their problems and joys. And it's nice to know that somewhere you may have brightened someone's day with a communication.

Guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club of Grayling on Monday noon, Feb. 17, at the Iron Gate was Heather Curtis, a senior at Grayling High School. Heather spent the last school year in the Netherlands as an exchange student. She stated that it was a wonderful experience and she would like to return in the future. After the shock of her first day there when she knew no one, her family made every effort to make her feel welcome. She quickly learned much of the language, enjoyed the school experiences, and was able to travel extensively throughout the Netherlands and other countries with classmates and her host family.

Simon Jahnichen, exchange student from Berlin, Germany, was the speaker at the brown bag luncheon series being held at the United Methodist Church. He spoke on Thursday noon, Feb. 20, before a very interest group of people. He spoke of the differences in their school system from ours, the difference in politics and politicians, and the friendship of students. He has traveled a great deal and lived in many places, including the United States, but he also wanted to have the experience of living in a small town which he finds very different from the large city of Berlin. He is enjoying his host family, the Goslins, and the many friends

that he is making here.

Speaker for the Thursday, Feb. 27, noon luncheon at the United Methodist Church will be Tanya Pushkova, an instructor from Kirtland Community College who is from Kiev, Ukraine, but who is very familiar with Moscow, Russia.

The Kiwanis Club of Grayling and the Rotary Club of Grayling are still dueling it out with their food for the Community Christian Help Center. The contest ends this coming weekend with the Center being the ultimate winner and the club winner getting the "trophy."

Dennis and Marilyn Palmer are completing their remodeling project on the former Dr. Staley home on the corner of Ogemaw and Elm Street. We understand Marilyn has a nice new office room and Dennis has a nice new garage. It's a pleasure to see some of the older homes around the community being fixed up.

Other remodeling that we hadn't noticed until recently is at the laundromat and cleaners on the corner of Alger Street and the business loop. The inside has been remodeled, new floor installed and attractive blue shutters on the outside of the building.

For you snowbirds in the south, I'll have to tell you that Saturday, Feb. 22, was probably one of the most beautiful winter days that we have ever seen. After rain on Thursday and a wet snowfall on Friday, Saturday turned out to be a picture perfect day with a blue sky that was hard to imagine. We hope there were cameras out to record the snow and ice glistening on the trees.

We would like to hear from more of our readers, birthdays, anniversaries, out of town guests, special trips, or someone that needs some cards to brighten their day.

Margie and Dave Horton of Davison were guests of Val and Al Johnston from Thursday to Saturday of last week. We hope they enjoyed the snowstorm that we had on Friday as they had to shovel out before being able to leave for home.

New tourism group faces mixed reviews

by Sharon Lufek

Capital News Service

With the creation of Travel Michigan to get more out-of-state tourists to visit the state, Gov. John Engler has placed tourism economy high on his agenda.

Formerly known as the Michigan Travel Bureau, the agency has already begun work on an intensive marketing drive to get out-of-staters thinking about Michigan vacations, and more importantly, taking those Michigan vacations.

Even though the marketing strategy is still in its infancy, there are differing opinions regarding what Travel Michigan can ultimately accomplish.

Ann Marie Mitchell, marketing director at the Homestead Resort in Leelanau County, said an aggressive push will help to increase tourist numbers more than any one attraction or resort could. Over 75 percent of tourists come from Michigan to the resort, followed by 13 percent from Illinois. The others hail mainly from Ohio and Indiana.

All these states are prime targets for marketing Michigan tourism, said Jim Tobin, director of public affairs at the Michigan Jobs Commission. Travel Michigan is now a part of the Jobs Commission.

One of its first marketing drives will be new commercials to air sometime this fall in major cities in Michigan's border states, he said.

Even though specific areas of the state attract more tourists than others, Travel Michigan is taking a broad scope to increasing tourism. The goal

is to get more people to come, regardless of where they end up once in Michigan's borders, he said.

"We need to get people thinking about Michigan in the first place," Tobin said.

While Mitchell believes Travel Michigan will benefit the state's tourism, other experts like Donald Holecek doubt whether the new development will solve all of the state's tourism problems. The director of the Travel, Tourism and Recreation Resource Center at Michigan State University said many state characteristics that influence tourism patterns and aren't easily changed.

One inherent problem, Holecek said, is Michigan's unpredictable weather and overcast winters. Also, Holecek said Michigan has a fairly affluent population, which means people have extra income to travel, often away from Michigan.

In addition, Holecek said driving patterns are influenced by the fact that Michigan is isolated from drive-through traffic. "People come to Michigan because Michigan is their destination, not because they're trying to get somewhere else," he said.

According to MSU studies of state tourism patterns, the state has been experiencing a yearly growth rate of five percent in the number of travelers and seven percent in the amount of money they spend here. That's a normal and healthy growth rate, he said, and Michigan is keeping pace with other states.

At first glance, Michigan ranks as 12th nationwide in terms of traveler

expenditures. But this impressive growth rate is diminished when the statistics are adjusted to per capita figures, and Michigan ends up with a lowly 48th ranking.

In other words, Holecek said states with high populations such as Michigan attract more tourists because many of these people are visiting friends and family. The 1995 study showed that's why 45 percent of tourists came to the state. The per capita figures decrease the effects of population and place states on a more equal level regardless of their population.

Holecek said Travel Michigan needs to target markets according to age groups in addition to location. Specifically, marketing geared toward 55- to 70-year-olds should be increased since they are the most rapidly growing traveling group. "Seniors have an above-average amount of disposable income and free time to travel," he said.

In addition, Holecek said it is "absolutely necessary" to bring all tourism organizations and bureaus together to provide better services to tourists — yet another goal of Travel Michigan.

But Tobin said Travel Michigan will make it happen.

More details about its marketing plan will be released later next month, and it will only be a matter of time before more changes are made, he said.

Holecek still remains unconvinced. "I don't know if I'll see it happen in my lifetime."

MERCY HOSPITAL BIRTHS

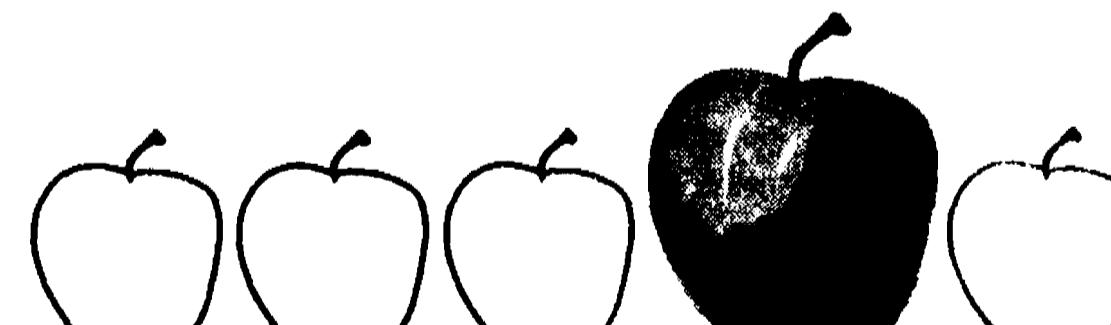
Roy Hanes and Vicki Wise of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Katie Lynne Hanes, born Feb. 8, 1997.

Jon Hubble and Christy Fry of Grayling announce the arrival of Alexis Marie Hubble, born Feb. 9, 1997.

Richard and Cora Jones of Grayling announce the arrival of Robert Howard, born Feb. 11, 1997.

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George Watson

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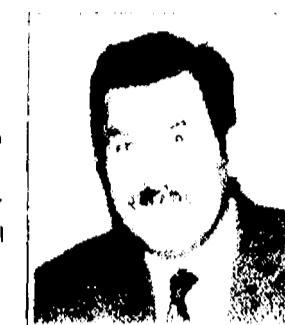
"If a tooth is knocked out, can it be placed back in the mouth?"

In many cases, a tooth that has been traumaticly avulsed (knocked out) can be replanted back in the jaw socket.

If the tooth root is fractured or broken, the tooth probably can't be saved. However, if the tooth is intact, replantation may work. The quicker the tooth is replaced, the greater the success, so time is of the essence. Most successful replantations of teeth are accomplished within one hour after the injury has occurred.

Proper treatment of the avulsed tooth is also critical for success. Gently rinse the tooth but do not scrape or brush the root surface. If you can place the tooth back into the tooth socket, do so. If this is not possible, place the tooth in a glass of water or milk, or wrap it in a clean cloth so that the tooth doesn't dry out. Then get to your dentist as soon as possible.

Long term retention of the replanted tooth can vary greatly from months to years. The tooth should be periodically checked by your dentist.



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HONORED MEN — The Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) presented its 1996 Legislator of the Year awards at its conference. This year's winners — State Sen. Michael Bouchard and State Rep. James McNutt — received their awards from Grayling City Police Chief Peter Stephan. The men pictured are, from left: Chief Ronald Deziel, chairman of the MACP Legislative Committee; Bouchard; McNutt; and Stephan, president of the MACP.

Crawford County Sheriff Department



Sheriff
Patrol

The Sheriff's Department of Crawford County dealt with the following 258 incidents from Feb. 10 through Feb. 24:

Fire (3), Criminal Sex (3), Assault (6), Burglary (6), Larceny (5), Property Damage (2), Controlled Substance (2), Fam/Child (1), Drunkenness (1), Weapons (1), Public Peace (3); OUIL/QUIL (2), Citations (3), Health and Safety (2), Invasion Privacy (3), Conservation (1), Miscellaneous Criminal (5), Minors (12), Accidents (35), Non-traffic Accident (1), TrafSafe (6), Snowmobile (21), Alarm (1), False Alarm (10), Hazardous Condition (3), InspOther (2), Civil/FT (6), Suspicious Situation (7), Suicide (1), Missing Person (3), GenAsst (1) and General Non-Criminal (70).

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Appearing before Magistrate Jean Callewaert:

Lawrence James Robinson was fined \$60 for Operate Snowmobile w/o Helmet. William Edwin Hartig was fined \$72 for Leave Fire Unattended. Joseph Allen Howard was fined \$120 for Poss Bow/Gun Area Freq w/o License. Marty Lee Dodds was fined \$102 for Unlawful Operation ORV On Hwy.

Michelle Renee Killingbeck was fined \$102 for ORV-Other Operating Restrict.

Travis Earl Twitchell was fined \$170 for Loaded Gun In/On Vehicle.

Delmar Edward Gasser was fined \$70 for Enter A Restricted Area - Range 30/40.

James William Caddell was fined \$120 for Uncased Gun/Str Bow In/On Auto.

Joshua Wesley Starks was fined \$60 for Improper Plate/Exp Plate/Trans.

Mark James Nabozny was fined \$35 for Snowmobile-Numb/Reg/Trail Per Not Disp.

Steven William Busen was fined \$85 for Snowmobile-Failed To Yield R-O-W.

Steven Alan Goodin was fined \$50 for Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Per.

Raymond Michael Kates was fined \$120 for Uncased Gun/Str Bow In/On Auto.

Thomas Frank Drouillard was fined \$70 for Fail To Stop-Alley/Private Dr.

Allen Dale Secord was fined \$70 for Hunt Sm Gm W/O License - Res.

David Carl Jozsa was fined \$85 for Operate Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road.

Donald Joseph Steffes Jr. was fined \$70 for Undersized Fish.

Brian David Knapp was fined \$50 for Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Per.

Kevin Mark Bunker was fined \$85 for Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road.

Shane Charles Keely was fined \$170 for Loaded Gun In/On Vehicle.

Robert Steven Belcher was fined \$50 for Operate ORV W/O Being Registered.

Charles Roy Dickie was fined \$50 for Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Per.

Vincent Martin-Rehacek Powell was fined \$50 for Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Per.

John Edward Zielinski was fined \$85 for Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road.

Andrew Paul Kopec was fined \$85 for Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area.

Vance Peter Zanardelli was fined \$85 for Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area.

David Wayne Maitland was fined \$85 for Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area.

Gary John Reen was fined \$85 for Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area.

Melvin Eugene Millen was fined \$85 for Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road.

Michael Gene Bivens was fined \$50 for Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Per.

Calvin Heath Clough was fined \$85 for Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road.

Darrell Lee Thayer was fined \$35 for Snowmobile-Numb/Reg/Trail Per Not Disp.

Christopher Eugene Thayer was fined \$35 for Snowmobile-Numb/Reg/Trail Per Not Disp.

Jeffrey M. Nietfeld was fined \$85 for Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area.

Troy James Martin was fined \$85 for Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road.

Christopher Allen Schaft was fined \$85 for Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road.

Harold Eugene Johnson was fined \$45 for No Hunter's Orange.

Jason Michael Lozon was fined \$220 for Poss/Trans Deer W/O Tag Attach.

Kevin Michael Parrinello was fined \$50 for Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Per.

Jeremie Allen Mead was fined \$85 for Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road.

Edward Daniel Skeba was fined \$85 for Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road.

Gerald Chris Dill was fined \$35 for Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area.

Paris Ron White was fined \$35 for Snowmobile-Numb/Reg/Trail Per Not Disp.

Stephen Dolard Gayton was fined \$50 for Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Per.

John Harvey Stewart was fined \$45 for Use Too Many Lines.

Douglas M. Warren was fined \$85 for Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road.

Dennis Lee Lundquist was fined \$85 for Operate ORV In Prohibited Area.

Sabre Marie Hughes was fined \$50 for Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Per.

Wayne Harold Tobey was fined \$50 for Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Per.

Gary Francis Daniels was fined \$50 for Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Per.

Darcy Allen Bellmore was fined \$70 for Hunt Sm Gm W/O License - Res.

Peter Karl Kleinschmidt was fined \$70 for Snowmobile-Trespassing.

Ronald Louis Tillman was fined \$70 for Snowmobile-Trespassing.

Brian Scott Childers was fined \$70 for Snowmobile-Trespassing.

Larry Steven Rikfin was fined \$85 for Operate ORV In Prohibited Area.

Jerome A. Rooks was fined \$50 for Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Per.

Sharon Ann Bilius was fined \$50 for Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Per.

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: The optimist is as often wrong as the pessimist, but he is far happier.

Happenings at the Center: Remember, "Pantry Bingo" every Friday at 1 p.m. Please call for an appointment if you need help with your taxes, heating credit, prescription credit, etc. Help will be here every Tuesday and Friday from 9 to 3 (517-348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500).

Stop by or give us a call if you have any questions, need help, or just for fun (308 Lawndale). Remember, if you life isn't becoming to you... you should become to us. At 5:30 on March 3, Dominos; on March 4, Yahtzee; and on March 5, Commodities will be distributed at the Free Methodist Church on M-72 West beginning at 12:30 until 2 p.m. If you are unable to pick up there, let us know and we will have it here at the Center for you. Please let us know before 10 a.m. on the day of distribution.

On March 6 at 12:15, there will be a speaker from Hospice. Sheila Simpson will be here to answer questions you

may have and give you an indepth explanation of what they have to offer.

Join us for meals: We serve at noon and 5 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, and at noon on Friday. Vegetable and fruit salad bar on Tuesday; Soup served on Monday and Wednesday; and bread, juice and milk offered each meal. It really is the best deal in town: \$1.50 donation for seniors and \$3 charge for those under 60. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling 348-7123. Menus are subject to change without notice.

Lunch/Dinner

February
26 - Italian Round Steak/Stuffed Peppers
27 - Turkey and Dressing/Sweet and Sour Pork
28 - Beef Stew/no dinner
March
3 - Connecticut Ham/Stuffed Peppers
4 - Salisbury Steak/Baked Chicken
5 - Spanish Rice/Brown Steak
6 - BBQ Beef/Meatballs
7 - Pork Chops/no dinner

46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Appearing before Judge Alton T. Davis:

John L. Mollen - sentenced to continued probation for Carrying a Concealed Weapon. He must attend the Special Alternative Incarceration (SAI) program. He is being held in the Crawford County jail until he attends the SAI program.

Norbert Jay Szkotnicki - found guilty of Controlled Substance and sentenced to nine months in the Crawford County jail with credit for two days served.

Darrel Warnecke - license revoked for one year and sentenced to six months in the county jail (47 days credit) for Delivery of Marijuana.

James J. Horton - sentenced to 90 days with one day served for Retail Fraud first degree. Fined \$40 for the crime victim fee and \$635.71 in restitution.

Appearing before Judge Francis L. Walsh:

Harold Duane Helsel Jr. - sentenced to three years probation, six month jail (90 days now, 90 days held in obeyance) for Delivery of Marijuana.

Michael John Harris - sentenced to 24 to 120 months with 103 days credit and must attend the SAI program for Third Degree Sexual Misconduct.

James Lee Collett - found guilty of Prisoner Possession of Contraband.

Michael John Harris - sentenced to continued probation and 12 months in the county jail (275 days served) for Third Degree Sexual Misconduct.

Dale Lewis Williams Jr. - sentenced to continued probation and 12 months in the county jail (275 days served) for Third Degree Sexual Misconduct.

James Lee Collett - found guilty of Prisoner Possession of Contraband.



THE YEAR'S BEST — Ann Hughes of Grayling was recently honored as Wellington Farm Park "Volunteer of the Year" for her work at the park during the past year. Ann is a member of the Wellington Farm Folk and serves at the park as a gardener and an interpreter.

ADD/ADHD support group to meet

At the March 6 meeting of the ADD/ADHD Parents Support Group Joanne Reubs, bleiter and Paul Suratt will speak on "Treatment and Behavioral Issues surrounding ADD/ADHD."

The meeting will be held at the Grayling Middle School conference room from 7 to 9 p.m.

Childcare is provided and transportation is available.

ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) is a chemical imbalance in the brain that causes students to lose concentration and not stay focused.

ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) is the same as ADD except students are hyperactive.

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Weekly Update

Fishing contest for Lake Margrethe?? Yes!! Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2 with proceeds to help the 1997 AuSable River Canoe Marathon. This event will be hosted by Dean Worden. There will be an entry fee of \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for anyone 17 or under.

You must sign up in advance at Skip's Sport Shop, the contest will run till 6:00 pm Saturday, March 1, and close at 2:00 pm on Sunday, March 2.

Bring your fish in to Skip's for size measurements.

This will include Northern Pike and Walleye. Also, there will be a prize for the most fish, however, Perch must be 7 inches to qualify. Last, but not least, there will be a drawing at the Red Barn at 4:00 pm on Sunday to win fishing equipment, you need not be present to win.

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CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

A Trustee Workshop, hosted by the Crawford County Library Board of Trustees, will be Tuesday, March 4, at the Grayling city building from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

Ellen Richardson, state library establishment specialist, and Jeff Johnson, deputy state librarian, will address specific concerns regarding legal responsibilities of boards, basic roles of trustees, and accountability issues.

Members of any boards are welcome to attend this short informative session to help learn more about their roles and ask questions concerning board membership.

The Crawford County Library is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The library's phone number is 348-9214.



THINKING DAY — Girl Scouts throughout Crawford County celebrated Thinking Day on Feb. 18.

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Girl Scout Thinking Day program held

On Wednesday, Feb. 18, the Girl Scouts of Crawford County were invited to participate in a Thinking Day program. This year's program was put on by Senior Girl Scout Troop 2000.

Girls and leaders from Daisy Troop 24756, Brownie Troops 2404, 2446, 2014, 2125 and Junior Troop 2130 attended the event. The girls viewed a silent Girl Scout movie from 1918, "The Golden Eagle", which showed a young girl's time in Girl Scouting, including time at camp, helping others, earning badges and marching. They also learned a few new Girl Scout songs, the friendship circle and discussed

the changes to the Girl Scout law.

Thinking Day is the birthday of both Robert, Lord Baden-Powell, who founded the Boy Scout movement in England, and his wife, Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, who was the World chief Guide of the Girl Scout movement. It is also a day to learn about Girl Scouts and/or Girl Guides throughout the world, who make a special effort to meet on Thinking Day to exchange greetings with their sisters in other countries.

Thinking Day is also the time to remember Juliet Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouting and Girl Guide movement. After her death in

1927, the Juliet Gordon Low World Friendship fund was established. Some of the funds go to help Girl Scouts and Girl Guides participate in international exchanges and wider opportunities. Other money is contributed to the Thinking Day Fund.

The Fund was established at the World Conference in 1932. It is designed to help Girl Scouts/Girl Guides grow in developing countries. Today some of the funds are used to send trainers to countries where Girl Scout/Girl Guides are just starting. It also helps to fight illiteracy, hunger and disease through local development projects and provides disaster relief.

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OBITUARIES**Trevor Jones**

Trevor J. "Ted" Jones, 75, of Roscommon (Beaver Creek Township), died at his residence on Feb. 22, 1997.

He was born in Winnipeg, Canada, on March 15, 1921, to Walter and Catherine (Twinn) Jones. Both parents are deceased.

Mr. Jones was married to Kathleen "Pat" (White) Jones.

He was a retired building inspector for the City of Detroit, a member of the VFW Post 4159 in Roscommon, and a member of the American Legion Post 106 in Grayling. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are two sons and four daughters: Mary Katherine "Kay"; Trevor T. "Tom"; Karen; Walter "Patrick"; Marie "Tracy"; and Kelly. Also surviving is one sister, Kathleen "Kelly" Fahome; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to VFW Post 4159 of Roscommon or American Legion Post 106 of Grayling.

Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel of Grayling.

Card of thanks

I would like to thank everyone who participated in making my "Retirement Day" so special.

Paul Thomsen, Linda Northrop, the "gang at Cornell's", my Family and many Friends who were able to join me to celebrate this milestone in my life.

Thank you so much for a most memorable day, the luncheon, gifts, flowers, cards and well wishes, all are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Joyce Fox

Card of thanks

The participants of the Hanson Hills/Citizen's Bank Ski Clinic and their parents would like to thank Citizen's Bank, John Alef and Mark Sloan for sponsoring the ski clinic. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

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The President of Residential Council of Hilltop Manor Health Care Center in Roscommon says "Thank You" to Buccilli's Pizza, Pizza Hut, Albie's, and McDonald's of Grayling. These fine eating establishments graciously provide special treats for Hilltop's residents on a monthly basis.

"It's wonderful to have a slice of pizza, a hamburger, a pastry, or breadsticks with those familiar and characteristic flavors," says Verna Kimball, Resident Council President.

Earl Johnson adds, "The food really brings back some good memories!"

Hilltop's Dietary department prides itself on healthy, nutritious, and flavorful meals, but these special snacks arranged by Tammy Elswick of the Activity Department in conjunction with the local restaurants add a special variety to the routine.

**Survey conducted for
employer comments**

A survey was recently conducted in the counties of Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon in which 495 employers explained their employee training practices.

Some findings include 69 percent provide some form of training, as well as all types and sizes of businesses supply training.

Over half (58 percent) of that training is by direct instruction. Very few employers (5 percent) supply only funding to the employee for school and 37 percent offer a combination of direct instruction and funding.

According to respondents, community colleges supply 18 percent and universities supply 9 percent of the training.

Private consultants supply 30 percent of training and everything from on-the-job training to seminars supplies 39 percent of the training.

Employers made actual comments on the survey. A sample, by county, is as follows:

Crawford - "More than anything else, we need people who do basic math. Too many times people of all age groups cannot figure change" (retailer). "English and verb usage are lacking in the general population. While local schools may teach such, people revert to their own language

and carry such to the job world" (personal service provider).

Ogemaw - "Very hard to find someone willing to start out with a minimum wage and grow and work into a good wage through hard work and caring attitude even though there's an unlimited income potential" (manufacturer). "Young people need to realize their skills need to improve before their wages do" (construction).

Oscoda - "Middle aged persons and younger seem to have a poor work ethic. The local school seems to be doing a good job in providing general skills training" (retailer).

Roscommon - "Most workers I have contact with don't know how to think out problems" (construction). "I have many fine employees. The biggest problem is although all employees want pay, not all employees want to work" (retailer).

Roscommon - "Most workers I have contact with don't know how to think out problems" (construction). "Just hard to find people who know what they say they know and honest, clean people" (business service provider). "Personal qualifications - character, self motivation, dependability, honesty, trustworthiness, resourcefulness - are always primary (personal service provider).

**MSU alumni awarded
French writing honor**

Three Michigan State University English alumni have been named three of the best American authors, from a French prospective.

Richard Ford, Thomas McGuane and Jim Harrison were among the authors selected by the French Magazine, *L'Express*, as three of the 25 most noted authors in American literature. The magazine covered the entire country, illustrating the famous writers in the places from where their works take inspiration.

The MSU alumni were listed among such distinguished American authors as Steven King, Ray Bradbury, J.D. Salinger and Toni Morrison.

Jim Harrison, born in Grayling, received his bachelor's degree from MSU in 1960 and his master's in 1964. He is the author of several poems, stories, articles and screenplays. His highly praised novel, *Dalva*, was published in 1988. Harrison is also author of the novella *Legends of the Fall*, which became a major motion picture.

L'Express described Richard Ford as the most representative writer of the '80s. Ford, originally from Mississippi, was the most significant contributions to American literature. James McClintock, professor of English at MSU, is currently writing a book about these authors. McClintock feels these authors shared the common topics of the West, place, women and minorities in their works.

Farming resources week is planned

From preserving historic barns to growing herbs for profit — that's the range of topics planned for Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Week, March 1-9, at Michigan State University.

Approximately 80 educational programs, meetings and other activities will take place during the eight-day event, said Sandi Bauer, ANR Week program coordinator.

Programs focusing on the environment will include sessions on improving wildlife diversity, converting landfills into parks, toxic chemicals in the Great Lakes and land use in Michigan.

Outdoors-oriented programs will include foraging for wild foods, pheasant-habitat management, home-garden composting, quiet water sports, growing and selling herbs, and community playground designs that are kid compatible.

Agricultural programs will focus on animal-manure management, community organic-food production, beekeeping, heritage livestock and narrow-row crop production.

The Michigan FFA Organization's annual convention, expected to attract about 1,000 high school members, will run from Monday through Wednesday afternoon.

ANR Week will also feature a daylong discussion of Michigan's tourism outlook, a session on community-based tourism and a daylong session on managing home-based businesses.

Other programs include a daylong program on human nutrition, a session on managing bed and breakfast operations, and programs on broodmare management and horse training.

ANR Week details are listed in a free guidebook available through the Crawford County MSU Extension Office located in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse or call 517-348-2844 ext. 264.

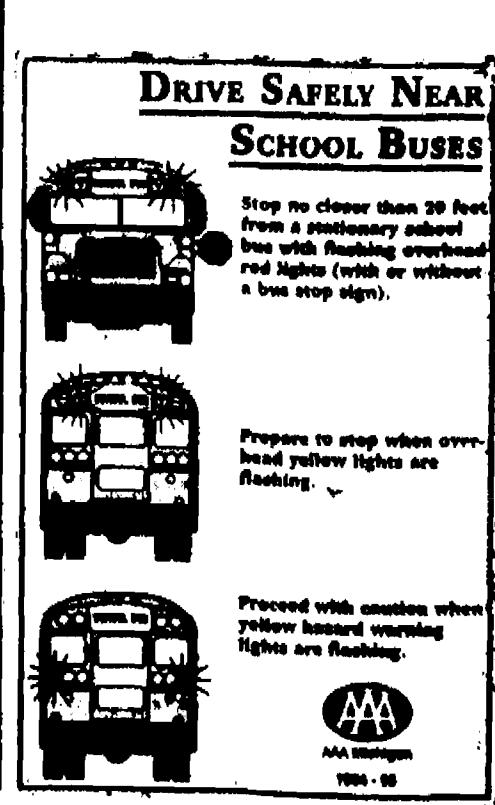
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Retiring state employees can look to web site

by Autumn J. Kucka, Capital News Service

State employees can now tap into the Internet to help them decide whether the early-retirement option is an offer they can't refuse.

The state Department of Management and Budget (DMB) and state employees retirement office have produced an Internet web site to give employees direct help in making the life-changing retirement decision.

Early retirement is being offered to nearly 7,000 state employees who are at least 55-years old and have worked in state jobs for at least 15 years or at least 50 with 25 years of employment.

Matt Beha, communications representative for the state employees retirement office, said the web site can reach people with a vast amount of information in an easily readable format.

"We are trying to get the information out in as many forms as possible," he said. "There is so much information, we felt offering it through the Internet will help us to save a tree or two."

The web site includes the text from a 200-page information booklet, which explains all aspects of early retirement, a map to the state retirement office, a listing of early retirement seminars

and a program to calculate an individual's pension benefits.

Beha sees the Internet as a growing information point for state government offices.

"A lot more state agencies are using the Internet to inform people on what is happening in state government," he said.

Users of the site are finding it helpful. The director of the state office of human resources, Jerry Brazil, said many in his department face the early-retirement option and are looking to the site for guidance.

RSVP HAPPENINGS

By Gloria Sanderson

The Easter bunny will soon be hopping our way and RSVP has the perfect way to give him a helping hand. Our volunteers are going to be busy the next two weeks making all kinds of confectionery delights for a big Easter candy sale. If any of you remember what Grandma's homemade fudge was like, you will want to visit our sale.

The proceeds from the sale will help to defray the cost of volunteer mileage reimbursement. RSVP volunteers are an essential aspect of any community. They are responsible for a myriad of tasks that not a lot of people would be

willing to do, but the volunteers' hearts are so wonderful no job is too trivial or mundane for them to lend a helping hand.

The sale will take place on March 7 at the Crawford County Commission on Aging Senior Center on Lawndale from 1 to 4 p.m. Please help us and show our communities' support of this program and its volunteers. You won't be sorry because while you are showing them how much you appreciate their devotion to your community, you will get to enjoy some of the most wonderful goodies you have ever tasted at reasonable prices. Thank you. See you then.

HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.

Hypothermia can be dangerous

Question: What is hypothermia? Is it really a cause of death? How can someone who works outside all winter help prevent it?

Signed: Outdoors year round

Answer: Hypothermia is a drop in body temperature to a subnormal level. According to the American Heart Association, it occurs when a person's body cannot produce enough energy to keep the internal body temperature warm enough. It is a potentially fatal condition. Hypothermia can result in heart failure as a cause of death.

Signs of hypothermia include lack of coordination, confusion, slowed reactions, shivering, sleepiness, blueness and puffiness of the skin.

The elderly are particularly prone to hypothermia since as people age, their ability to maintain a normal body temperature often decreases. Also, the elderly seem to be relatively insensitive to moderately cold conditions and can suffer hypothermia without knowing they are in danger. In the past twenty years, half of all hypothermia deaths occurred in those over age 65.

Although computers are becoming more common in terms of information, the departments are offering other options for eligible state employees, said DMB Press Secretary Maureen McNulty.

Along with the Internet, the same program can be accessed using a touch-tone phone. State employees in the Lansing area can call 241-8027 and those across Michigan can call 1-800-668-8027.

The phone numbers are linked to a program that will provide an estimate based on the numbers entered through a touch-tone phone.

The DMB estimates nearly half of the 7,000 eligible state employees will take the early-out option, McNulty said.

The department will hold seminars across the state to further educate eligible retirees on the benefits of the program.

physiological mechanisms needed to protect from the cold.

The following suggestions from the American Heart Association and the CDC should help protect people of all ages from this dangerous condition:

- Don't drink alcoholic beverages before going out in the cold, or while out in the cold.
- Wear several layers of clothing for insulation.
- Wear a hat or scarf since the head loses 30 percent of the body heat.
- Wet clothing, immersion in water, or overexertion and sweating should be avoided as much as possible when out of doors.
- Persons who are outdoors a great deal in cold weather should increase fluid and caloric intake.
- Be aware that hypothermia can and does occur indoors among elderly persons with inadequately heated homes.

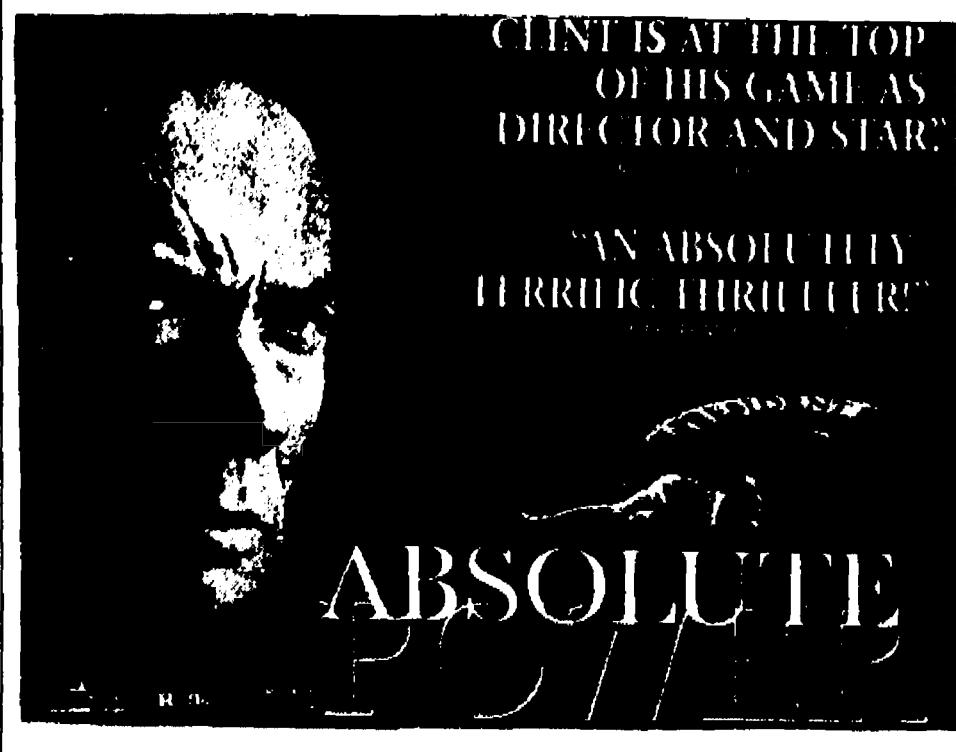
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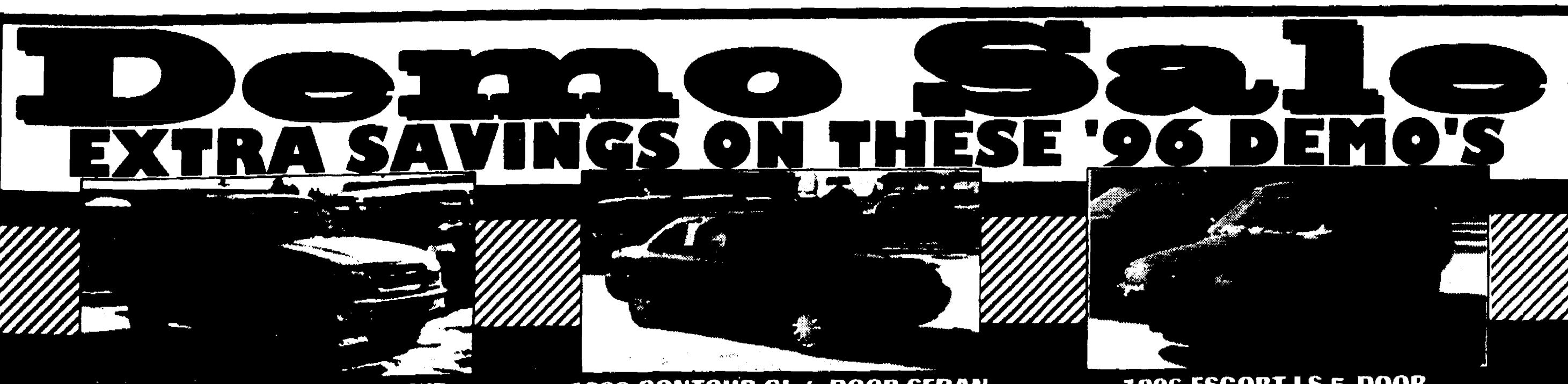
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Section B - Crawford County Avalanche

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State Finals

Grayling skiers finish as top five team in state B-C-D division

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

When the ski season started a while back, a number of Class B-C-D ski teams were battling to reach the state finals in Harbor Springs.

The Grayling boys' team accomplished this feat, and with the season all said and done, there were only four teams better than the Viking boys.

The guys from Grayling skied the slalom and giant slalom courses on a fast track at Nub's Nob on Monday, Feb. 24. The Michigan High School Athletic Association 1997 State B-C-D Ski Championships provided some fast times and exciting action.

None could have been more excited than Grayling ski coach Mike Wieland, because the team had some trouble in the slalom but still came away with a top five state finish.

The boys' ski team is the first ski team, boys or girls, to qualify for the state team finals since 1983 and 1984. Those years the girls' team finished fifth in the all-classe meet.

Grayling finished with 147.5 points. East Grand Rapids took home the B-C-D state trophy, finishing with 93.5 points. Petoskey finished second with 107.5 points.

"It is fun to be able to get to this meet," Wieland said of skiing against the top competition the state has to offer.

The coach also mentioned that the tough conference the Vikings competed in this year helped them in the regional and state meets. Grayling won the Manistee regional to advance to the state finals.

"Out of the Great Northern Conference teams, three squads were at the state finals," Wieland said. "We ski against these tough teams all year round."

The Viking boys finished in fourth place in the giant slalom event. The Grayling skiers, 72.5 points, had some good runs and were only five-and-a-half points behind the eventual state champions, East Grand Rapids, at this point.

Although a majority of the six-man Grayling boys' team is young and inexperienced, the two seniors led the way in the giant slalom event.

Travis Hopp, who has been the Vikings' number one skier this season, finished 14th with times of 25.84 and 26.85. Jason Steele, another ski member with experience, ended up just behind up in 15th place. Steele had runs of 25.94 and 26.91.

The rest of the Grayling squad is made up of three sophomores and one freshman. The young racers have been counted on every meet this season, since six competitors race each event and the top four scores are used for the team score.

Two of the sophomores, Eric

Thompson and Colin Hunter, were the other two scores used in this event by Grayling. Thompson ended up 21st and Hunter tied for 22nd. Josh Mueller and Jason Boreo also raced the giant slalom course.

The Vikings had some problems in the slalom event, finishing fifth in that race. According to Wieland, the state meet was the exact opposite of how most of the meets went this season for Grayling.

"Usually we dig ourselves a hole in the giant slalom and have to climb out of it in the slalom," Wieland said. "This time we started out with a good showing in the giant slalom and had some problems in the slalom."

Some early falls in the slalom put a lot of pressure on the rest of the team. The Vikings were not the only team to have trouble in the slalom, as there were a lot of falls which led to some safe skiing by the later competitors.

Hunter skied the slalom course extremely well, finishing 10th out of the competitors with teams in the state meet which is where the scores come from. He was 16th overall, when taking into account the individuals at the state meet.

Thompson also had a good showing, ending up in 13th position. Hopp and Mueller finished 25th and 27th, respectively. Steele and Boreo were disqualified due to falls.

"You get to the point where the bus



FINISHING STRONG — Eric Thompson, a Grayling sophomore, squats down to get extra speed as he stretches for the finish line. Thompson is one of three sophomores on this year's varsity boys' ski team.

Photos by Eric Gaertner

Hanson Hills was canceled on Wednesday, Feb. 19. Officials had to cancel the only scheduled Grayling home meet because of the poor snow conditions.

According to Wieland, the 48 degree temperatures softened the deep base and created a race surface that coaches agreed could be unsafe. All of the teams who were entered had skiers who had qualified for state and were very hesitant to risk injury.

State regulations keep teams from racing after the state meet, so the team will have to look forward to hosting the 1998 home meet.



STATE PLACERS — These Vikings took part in the State Finals. Those competing were, from left: Colin Hunter, Travis Hopp, Jason Steele, Josh Mueller, Jason Boreo, Joe Hughes (alternate for the meet), Eric Thompson, coach Mike Wieland and Katie Olson.



Vikings recognized in state rankings prior to state meet

The Grayling boys' team got some recognition from the people who rank the top 10 ski teams in the Class A and Class B-C-D divisions.

Prior to Monday's state meet, Coach Mike Wieland learned that his Viking boys' squad were ranked third by the state coaches poll. According to Wieland, Grayling winning the Manistee regional finally got the team noticed by the Michigan High School Coaches Association pollsters.

"It is nice to have the team receive some state recognition, but third does put pressure on them to ski better at the state meet," Wieland said prior to the state finals on Monday, Feb. 24. "We will go out and ski the best we can and if we stand up, we will be in there to compete with the rest of the teams."

Wieland also took time to reflect on the two seniors he will be losing from this year's varsity squad. Travis Hopp and Jason Steele have been the two senior leaders on a young team.

"They have been an important part of our program for the last four years as varsity racers," Wieland said.

Grayling girl skis to 24th place

"Katie (Olson) finished first on the Grayling girls' team in 15 of our 20 races this year," coach Mike Wieland said prior to the state ski finals. "We hope she skis as well in the state finals."

Katie Olson did ski pretty well at the big meet, especially considering she is only a sophomore. Olson qualified for and competed in the girls' giant slalom event at the B-C-D State Ski Championships at Nub's Nob on Monday, Feb. 24.

She was the lone member of the Viking girls to qualify for the state meet. Olson qualified at the regional meet, where the girls' team was one place short of qualifying as a team for the state finals.

The sophomore finished in 24th place out of the many racers who competed in the event. Olson had times of 28.08 and 29.73 in her two giant slalom runs.

"That wasn't her best performance, but she performed well against the best competition," Wieland said.



GRAYLING POWER — Katie Olson, a Grayling sophomore, finishes her giant slalom race. She qualified for the state meet after being one of the top finishers in the regionals.

THROUGH THE SHADOWS — Jason Steele, a senior, competed in his last meet — the State Finals — as a Grayling Viking. Steele cuts through the shadows cast by a bright ski by making a sharp turn in the giant slalom event.

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District Play



HUDDLED UP -- The Grayling High School varsity basketball team huddles up before the game to carefully map out a winning strategy.



LOOKING FOR A PASS -- Ben Haskel, a senior forward, looks for a pass during a recent game.

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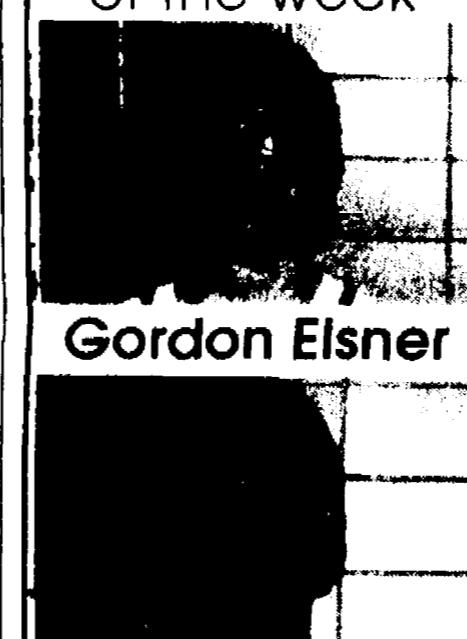
GRA POM SQUAD RETURNS -- The Grayling Recreation Authority Pom Pon Squad returns to the hardwood floor, performing on Fridays during halftime of the varsity boys basketball games. The squad involves 15 members including (front, from left) Stephanie Hellebuyck, junior; Jamie Anderson, sophomore; Christi Dunckley, freshman; Colby Davis, freshman; Cheryl McCurdy, senior; (middle, from left) Ashley Wakeley, junior; Erin Patrick, senior; Jenny Hubenschmidt, junior; Brie Blaauw, sophomore; Tiffany Craigie, sophomore; (back, from left) Kate Brunkill, senior; Michelle Dunckley, senior; Melissa Ostwald, junior; Sara Bassett, sophomore; Nicole Craigie, junior. Volunteer coaches Teresa Furst, Penny Shepherd and Cheryl Millikin will have the squad ready for its first performance Friday, Dec. 20.



CALLING THE PLAY -- The Vikings have been playing strong defense all season long, and hope to keep it up in district action. Pictured, Travis Parkinson sets up the offense in a contest against Onaway.

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Sault Ste. Marie Blue Devils	Friday, March 7 7:30 p.m.
Gaylord Blue Devils	Monday, March 3 7:30 p.m.
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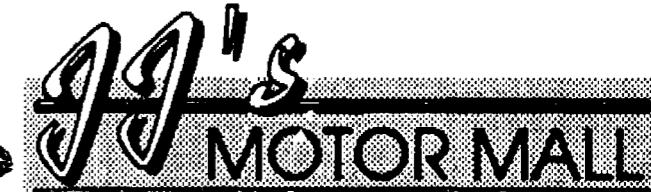
Viking juniors Gordon Elsner, Mike Harland and Rob Dent were all chosen Viking of the Week for their outstanding effort all year long.

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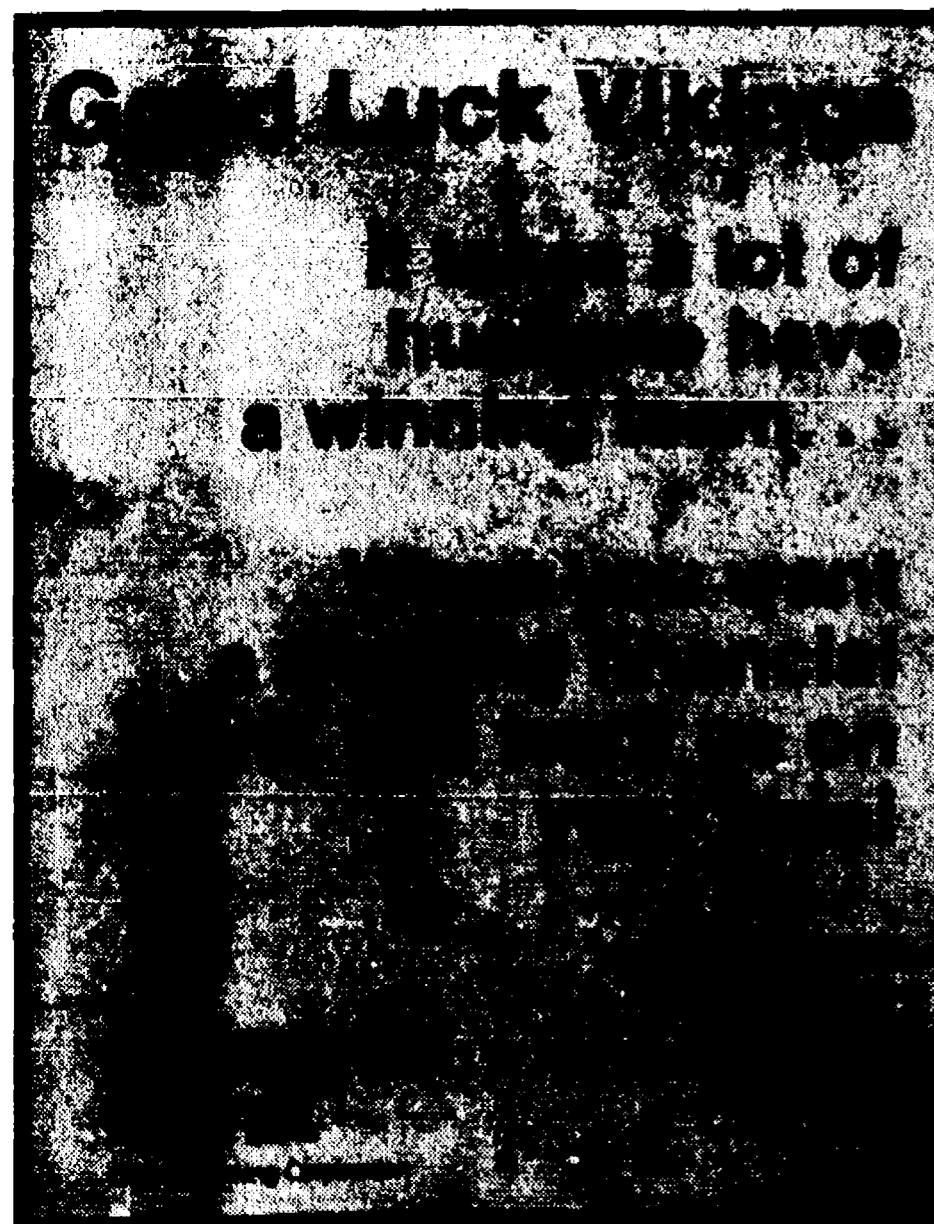
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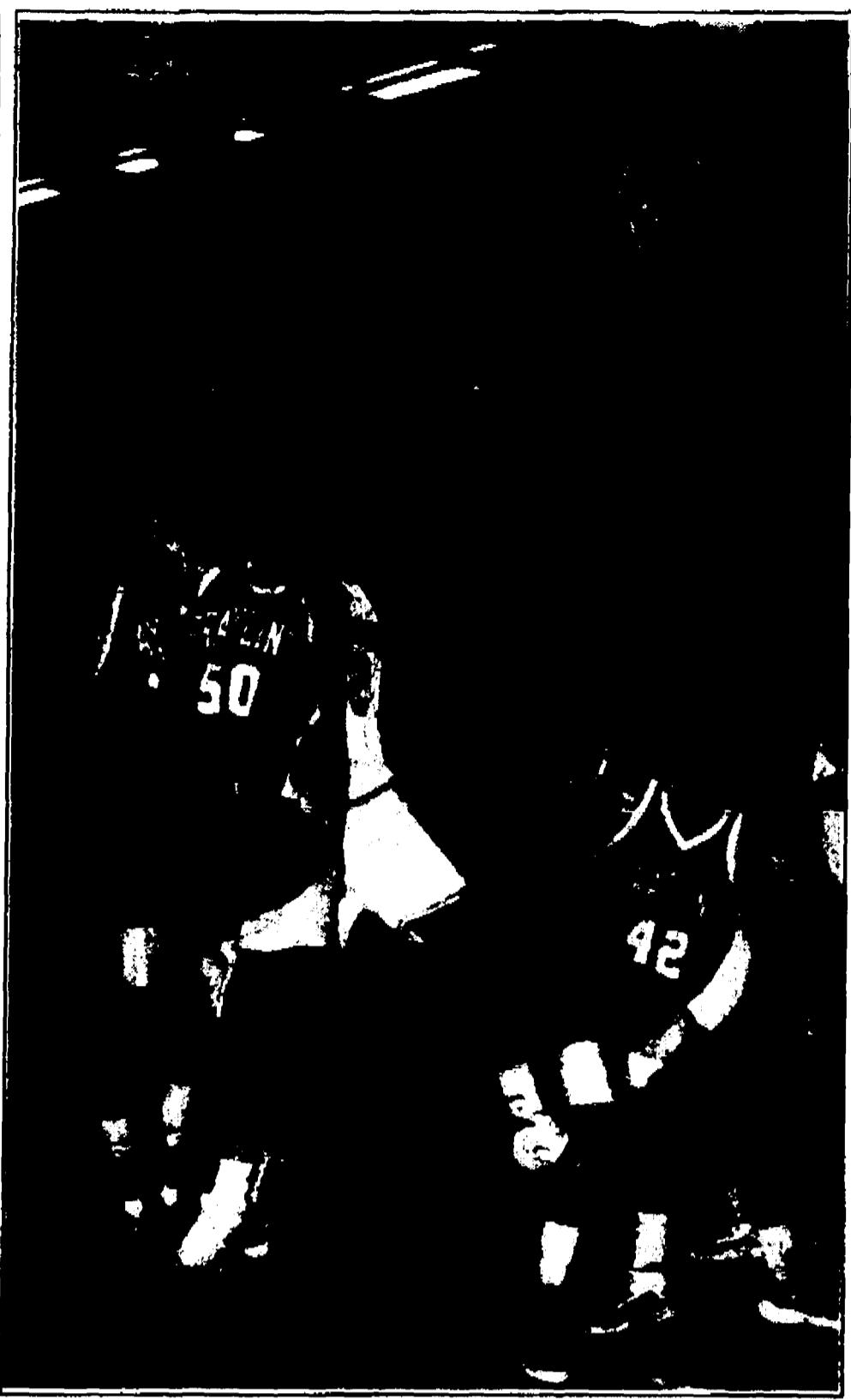


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REBOUND -- Dave Sabin (50), a senior forward, attempts to swat a rebound to Brad Larm (42), a senior forward.

Grayling Head Coach Rich Moffitt says...

"Petoskey is a top notch team which is lead by two all-staters -- John Flynn and Trevor Huffman. The Northmen made it to the quarterfinals last year."

"Gaylord is led by all-stater Luke Johnson. They won the districts two years ago and should be a team to contend with."

"Cheboygan is a very competitive team."

"Sault Ste. Marie is an improved team that lost to Petoskey by only three points last Friday night."



OFFENSIVE PRESSURE -- Brad Larm (42), a senior forward, dribbles the ball and looks to pass to a teammate.



GRABBING A REBOUND -- Ben Haskel (13), a senior forward, looks on as Brad Ritter, a sophomore center, pulls down a rebound.

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GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY VIKINGS



UP FOR A SHOT -- Nate Hinkle, a freshman guard, shoots over his opponents during a recent game.

Photos
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Craig Hofman

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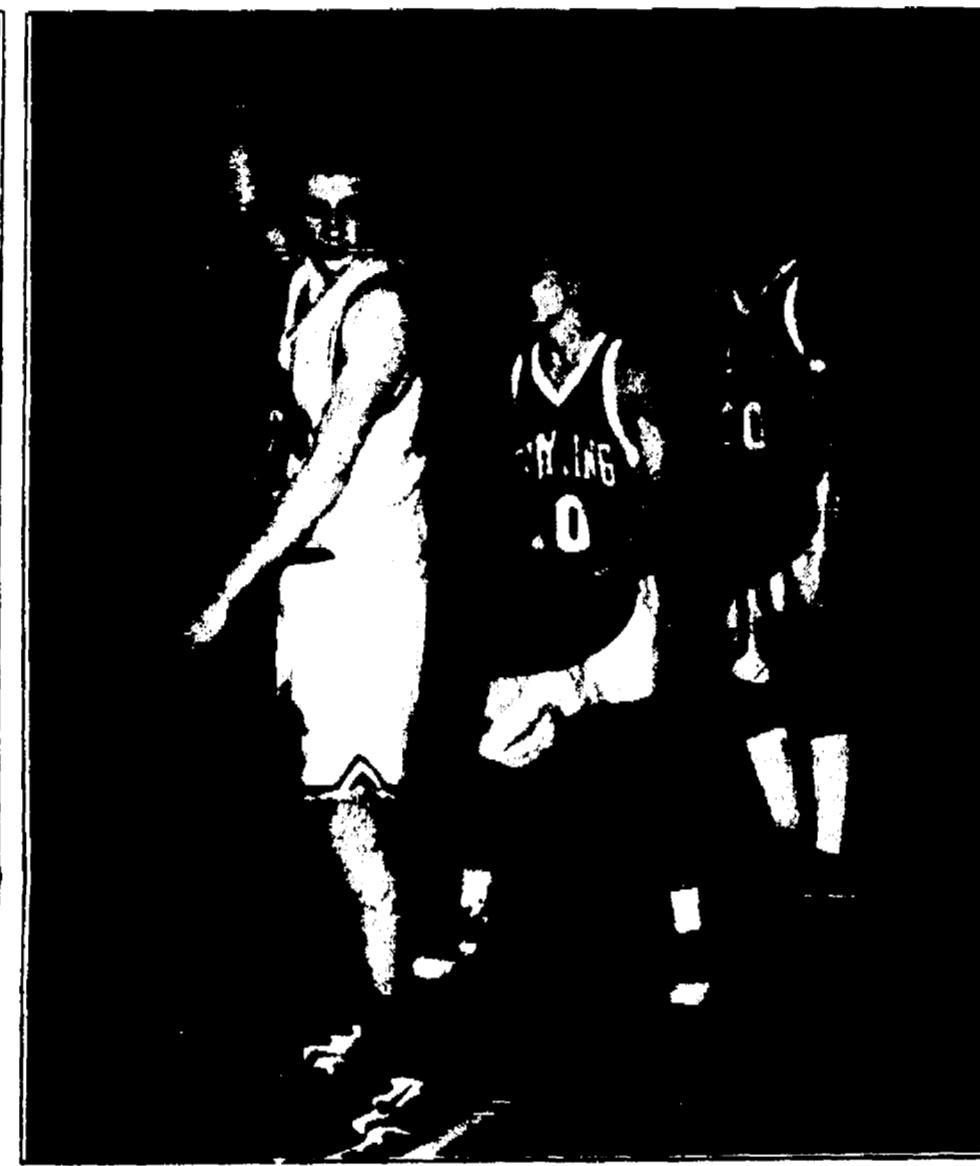
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LINING UP FOR A PASS -- Gordon Elsner (10), a junior guard, and Mike Harland (30), a junior forward, line up for an out-of-bounds play.

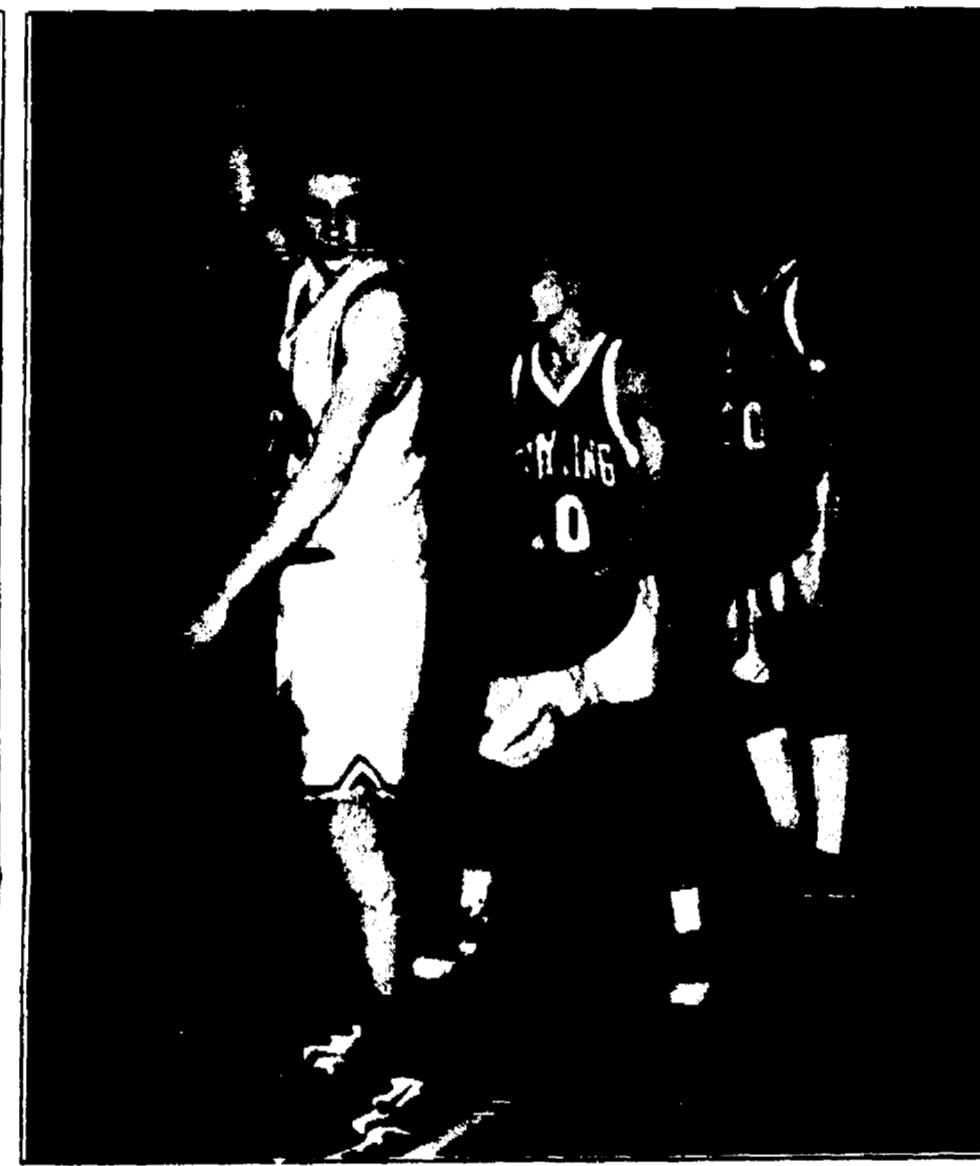
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UP FOR A SHOT -- Nate Hinkle, a freshman guard, shoots over his opponents during a recent game.

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PUSHING UP THE COURT -- Dave Sabin (50), a senior forward, dribbles up the court against Rogers City.



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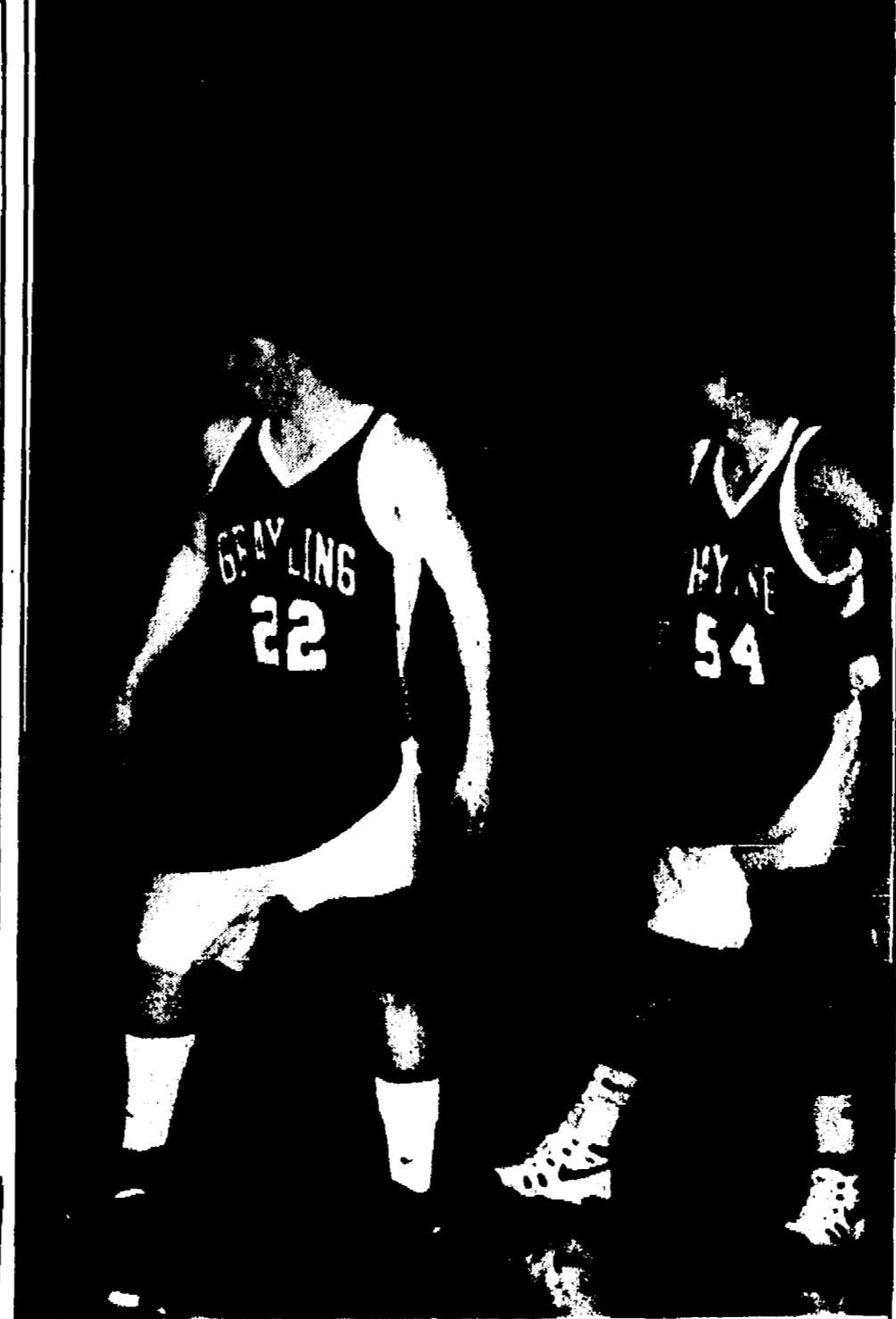
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TWO POINTS -- Nate Hinkle, a 6'1" freshman guard, scores two points during a recent game. Hinkle is the only freshman on the GHS varsity team.



DRIVING THE LANE -- Travis Parkinson, a junior guard, drives the lane for the Grayling Vikings.



CREATING A PLAY -- Matt LaForest (22), a sophomore guard, and Brad Ritter, a sophomore center, prepare a play during a recent varsity basketball game.



FROM DOWNTOWN -- Sam Modica, a senior guard, shoots from outside the three-point line during a recent GHS varsity basketball game.

**GO
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Varsity team focuses on pre-district improvement

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School varsity basketball Vikings are preparing for the districts coming up in March, but are doing so by continuing to play better.

The Vikings went one and one on the week, but in both games they showed that they are improving.

The Vikings visited Rogers City on Tuesday, Feb. 18. The Vikings lost the game 73-61, but according to coach Rich Moffit they played well for the first half of play.

The Vikings struggled with turnovers in the second half which allowed the Hurons to come away with the victory.

"Our decision making in the second half caused a lot of turnovers," said Moffit.

The Vikings were led in scoring by Nate Hinkle with 18 points. Matt LaForest added 13 and Nate Beckwith, a recent junior varsity player pulled up, contributed with 10 points.

The Vikings hosted the Whittemore-Prescott Cardinals on Friday, Feb. 21, and came out confident and aggressive. Senior David Sabin set the stage early with some real hustle plays that gave the Vikings momentum.

"We dedicated this game to our seniors because it was their last home game," said Moffit.

The Vikings started out with some great offensive fire power against a Cardinal team that was playing strong defense in the first quarter.

The main difference in the first quarter was that the Vikings outrebounded the Cardinals 10-3 and committed only five turnovers in a running offensive style.

The Vikings sprinted to a 26-9 lead.

The Vikings got a pick up offensively in the first quarter when coach Moffit put in what you could consider the second line. Moffit used a five man platoon system.

The first team was Brad Larm, Sam Modica, Ben Haskle, Travis Parkinson

and Dave Sabin. The second team consisted of Eli Tobin, Matt LaForest, Brad Ritter, Nate Hinkle and Nate Beckwith. Gordon Elsner, Mike Harland and Rob Dent were the reserves who would play the entire fourth quarter.

The second quarter continued to be an offensive and defensive show for the Vikings. The Vikings did not dominate on the boards and had more turnovers on the boards and had more foul trouble and helped the Vikings out by sending them to the line 20 times in the third quarter and 51 times throughout the game. The Vikings hit 29 of those free throws.

The Vikings continued to rebound and take care of the ball.

The Vikings played hard in the fourth quarter and with three players, Elsner, Harland and Dent who do not have a lot of game experience played hard and fought all quarter long.

Mike Harland led the Vikings in the fourth quarter with five points and Gordon Elsner added four points and one big three-point shot. Rob Dent contributed defensively and scored on a free throw.

The Vikings came away with a 87-54 victory.

The Vikings were led in scoring by Matt LaForest with 22 followed by Brad Larm with 17 points. Nate Beckwith added 10 points.

The Vikings were led in rebounding by Brad Ritter with 8 and Matt LaForest added 7.

Eli Tobin led the Vikings with 8 assists and Travis Parkinson had 5. Matt LaForest added 5 assists.

"We were very pleased with the team's intensity at both ends of the court," said Moffit.

The Vikings travel to Elk Rapids on Friday, Feb. 28.

The Vikings play the winner of the Gaylord/Cheboygan game in District at Gaylord High School. The game starts at 8:15 p.m. on March 5.



DOUBLE-TEAMED -- Rob Dent (left) attempts to dribble the ball through two opponents.



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ASSISTING THE COACH -- Barry Davis assists head coach Rich Moffit and cheers on the Vikings at a recent game.

State finals will feature Grayling's 'Fab Five'

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

Five Grayling wrestlers kept their seasons alive and have reached the pinnacle meet in the sport.

The "Fab Five" — Eddie Davis (125), Dave Shepherd (130), Ben Malonen (135), Jason Hall (140) and Josh Taylor (145) — all placed in the top four positions at the regional meet.

The five grapplers who have led the Viking squad this season will be striving to place at the Individual Division III State Finals.

The five wrestlers from Grayling will have an extra week to prepare for the huge meet scheduled for March 7-8 at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

There will be 16 grapplers in each weight class wrestling for the first through eighth-place medals at the state competition.

Seven Vikings wrestled at the regional meet in Big Rapids on Saturday, Feb. 22. They qualified for the regionals by placing in the top four

positions at the district meet.

Davis and Malonen led the state qualifiers by becoming regional champions. Davis defeated a state placer from Tawas, and then defeated B.J. Cline from Shepherd in overtime in the championship match.

"Eddie wrestled very smart and used his technique," coach Don Ferguson said. "He also had worked real hard to be in the best physical shape."

Malonen added a regional championship to his district championship he earned a couple of weeks ago. Malonen got some revenge in one match, defeating a Benzie Central opponent he lost to earlier in the team districts. He finished off the championship round by pinning his Alma opponent in 1:07.

"Ben was a powerhouse in his weight class," Ferguson said. "He wrestled very strong and aggressive."

According to Ferguson, Hall was on a mission to get to the state finals and he did it.

Hall lost a tough match to the

eventual regional champion, 5-3, but came back with three wins to qualify for the state meet.

"He wrestled very focused and aggressive," Ferguson said. "He works hard to be in good physical condition."

Shepherd wrestled very tough on the day, winning two and losing two matches. The victories were enough to qualify him for the state finals.

"Dave is a junior and has great wrestling potential," Ferguson said. "He is very skillful and has great technique."

Taylor competed in the toughest weight class at the regional meet. The 145-pound weight class featured two returning state placers. Taylor was able to win two matches against two losses to advance.

"The regional meet was very tough for him, but he stayed very focused and turned on his determination," Ferguson said. "He is a wrestler who works hard to be the very best he

can be."

The two other Vikings who competed at the regional meet were freshman Josh Niederer and senior Joe Mederios.

Niederer lost his first two matches, but showed great ability to reach regionals as a freshman. "He has got a promising wrestling future," Ferguson said.

Mederios went 1-2 on the day, which left him short of qualifying. "Joe is a senior who really helped out the team this year," Ferguson said.

The long-time head coach was pleased with the effort of all of his regional wrestlers.

"The boys all worked very hard all week to prepare for the regionals," Ferguson said. "They all wrestled with a lot of pride and that certainly makes me a very proud coach."

Now, the "Fab Five" will put everything else aside and go to work on preparing for the state finals, Ferguson said of the upcoming week.

FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

By Cindy Olson

February 27 — We will open at 1 p.m. From 1-5 p.m. \$5 rental and \$5 tow fee. Beginning at 5 p.m., Grayling Youth Booster Club family night. \$5 per family (up to six people). Hot dogs and chips \$1.50.

Open Gym — Tuesday preschool-third grade. Wednesdays fourth grade and up. 5 to 7 p.m. Rollerblade and rollerskate for \$2 per person.

March 2 — Members thank you dinner \$5. Bring a dessert to pass, sign up on the main lodge bulletin board in the main lodge.

March 9 — Ski The Peak for \$1. We have invited many media celebrities to come and have fun with us on that day.

Rent the Gym — Only \$15 per hour. A great place to have parties or just come and have fun.

Planning ahead — We will be offering a summer playground again this year. Lots of fun for children four years and older. This program will run from the day school gets out until it starts again.



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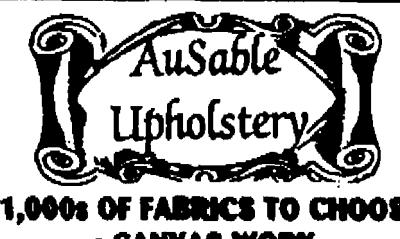
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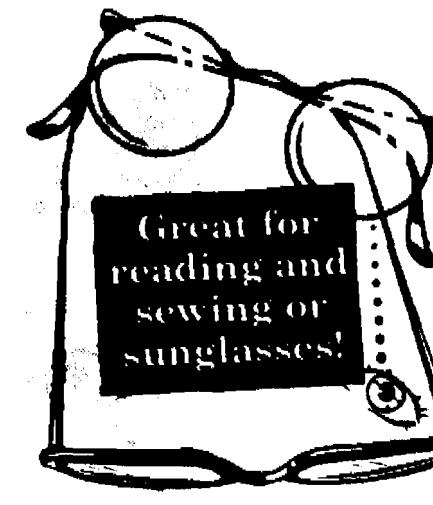
Eddie Davis
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Wrestling
These Viking wrestlers were chosen Viking of the Week for qualifying for the state finals that will be held March 7 & 8. They qualified at the Big Rapids Regional Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 22.

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Seventh grade Green team ends successful season

By Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

The seventh grade Green team from Grayling Middle School finished up a successful season.

The Vikings finished their season in the finals of the Houghton Lake tournament. The Vikings were defeated by Harrison.

"We played really hard, but could not match Harrison's size and shooting," said coach Doug Pummell.

The Vikings finished up the season with a record of 6-3. The Vikings beat the local rivals — Kalkaska, Roscommon and Houghton Lake — twice during the year. The Vikings were defeated by Gaylord twice and Harrison once.

"It was a tough season to get in a rhythm. With snow days and winter break, as well as scheduling conflicts, we seemed to lose our momentum

now and again," said Pummell.

Pummell stressed that the players worked hard and learned a lot about the game.

"They really improved their defensive skills and ball-handling ability. This was evident when they held their opponents scoreless in three different quarters during the season," said Pummell.

The top scorers for the Vikings were Nick D'Amour, Ricky Riggs and Brandon Gorr.

Top rebounders were Riggs, Marvin Forbes and Ryan Stahl.

Top defenders were Chet Wheeler, Matt Kersey, Mike Hale and D'Amour.

Ryan Mirate, Scott Bearss, Justin Schreiber, Craig Enlow, Randy Ford, Ben Sheldon, Nick Hurd, Jim Thompson, Juell Joseph and T. J. Johnson also were major contributors to the success of the team.

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WORKING THE WING — Josh Taylor, one of the five Grayling wrestlers who qualified for the state finals, has an opponent in a chicken wing and is attempting to turn him.

Ski clinic draws to a close

John Alef and Mark Sloan wrapped up the last race of the season Sunday as the Citizen's Bank ski clinic at Hanson Hills came to a close.

John Alef said, "We had a great season with 79 area kids taking part in the program. The volunteers and ski area personnel were helpful throughout the year.

As the kids race throughout the year, they build up points based on how they finished each week. At the end of the season the points are totaled and trophies or ribbons are awarded to the racers.

The following is the overall places for the 1997 season: In the pre-school and kindergarten group, Gracie Calkins finished first; followed by Taylor Doremire, second; Emily Sloan, third; and Meghan Wyskiel, fourth. In the boys' group Michael Olson finished first; Spencer Dean was second.

In the first and second grade girls' group Rachel Doremire took the top honors, and Jessica Riddle was second;

Avery Diola was third; Colleen Fleischmann, fourth; Siobhan Taylor, fifth; Gabby Calkins, sixth; and Shantel DeSloover, seventh. Kody Kiola took first in all six races and was the top finisher for the first and second grade boys. Rocky McNamara was second; Andrew Hart, third; Kody Curtis, fourth; Ryan Hanes, fifth; and Zach Musselman, sixth.

Jill Seager was the first place finisher for the third and fourth grade girls. Jodi Riddle and Mallory Olson tied for second; Nicole Dixon was third; and Madeline Taylor and Beth Lacey tied for fourth. Trevor Clough was the top finisher for the third and fourth grade boys. Patrick McNally was second; Alex McNamara, third; Zach Dean, fourth; Paul Montagne, fifth; Jimmy Jansen, sixth; Kris Curtis, seventh; David Fleischmann, eighth; Russell Peters, ninth; Nick Terry, tenth; Mark Eberline, Eric Jurkovich, and Ben Lacey tied for eleventh.

In the fifth and sixth grade girls group, Andria Alvarez was the top finisher. Allyson Diola was second; Britni Baker, third; Danielle Ross, fourth; Heather Vandacar, fifth; and Nicole Doremire, sixth. Joey Highlen led the fifth and sixth grade boys. He was followed by Justin Hanes in second; Matt Seager, third; Eric Hunter, fourth; Josh Jurkovich, fifth; Kyle Fleischmann, sixth; Eric Olson, seventh; Justin Lobsinger, eighth; and Dustin Ellis and John Gurney tied for ninth.

Joni Ames was another skier that won all six races for the season and led the seventh and eighth grade girls. Sasha Latuszek was second; Charina Stewart, third; Amanda Mulenix, fourth; and Ashley Wolcott tied with Ashley Cox for fifth. Geoff Montagne held on to top the seventh and eighth grade boys. Ryan Stahl was a close second; Matt Gintner took third; Keil Clough, fourth; Ben McNally, fifth; Paul Jansen, sixth; Eric Hart, seventh; Derik Quick and Damien Fleischmann tied for eighth; Cameron McClain, ninth; Anthony Jurkovich, tenth; Chris McGuire, eleventh; Kyle Crawford, twelfth; and Aaron Mead, thirteenth.

JV Vikings let one get away

by Craig Hofman

Sports Writer

The Grayling High School junior varsity team has had a very successful season, but let a game slip away on Friday, Feb. 21, against Whittemore-Prescott. The Vikings were defeated by the Cardinals 58-55.

The Vikings had to deal with a lot of changes in the last couple of weeks with Eli Tobin and Nathan Beckwith going up to the varsity team.

The Vikings seem to be adjusting fine, but are struggling offensively at times.

This offensive let down is what gave the Cardinals the victory.

The Vikings came out in the first quarter and played good defense, but struggled offensively and found themselves down 13-12 at the end of the quarter. The Vikings did a good job on the boards by outrebounding the Cardinals 10-6.

The Vikings and Cardinals went back and forth in the second quarter.

Freshmen and recently pulled up player Adam Knapp had a strong first half performance with seven points and some strong rebounds.

The Vikings were hurt in the first half by turning the ball over 15 times.

During one stretch in the second quarter the Vikings forced four straight turnovers by the Cardinals, but could not convert on their fast breaks.

The Vikings grabbed the lead before

halftime and led the Cardinals 25-23.

The Vikings came out in the third quarter and played more aggressively on offense and converted on their fast breaks to open up a 42-37 lead.

The Vikings only had four turnovers, but the Cardinals were able to capitalize on these and stay close.

The fourth quarter was the Viking's downfall.

The first four minutes were an offensive drought for the Vikings. Their only points coming from two free throws by Adam Knapp.

The Vikings first field goal came from Travis Huber with 2:58 left in the game.

The Vikings put up a valiant fight and were down 58-55 with time running out, but a three point shot from Jeremy Jones and one from Travis Huber were off the mark and the Vikings were defeated.

The Vikings were led in scoring by Jeremy Jones with 17 points and a nice all around game. Adam Knapp came up with a strong game, scoring 12 points and had several rebounds. Travis Huber added eight points and had a strong effort at the point guard position.

Jeremy Millikin added nine points.

The Vikings will play on Friday, Feb. 28, at Elk Rapids and will visit Gaylord on Saturday, March 1, to play a make up game cancelled earlier due to weather.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Sunday Nite Mixed

	29-5-10-5
C.S.L.	23-17
Mac's Drugs	22-5-17-5
Mac's Drugs	21-19
Robideau Cons.	20-20
Pioneer Hills Marine	17-23
D.A.M.M.	14-26
Computer Service	13-27
All Season's Drywall	13-27
Men's High Game: G. Miller	202, R. Atkinson, 199, R. Pyle, 196
Men's High Series: G. Miller, 521, R. Atkinson, 511, R. Pyle, 505	
Women's High Game: J. Hinds, 233, 213, 203, M. Miller, 205, N. Glascoe, 200	
Women's High Series: J. Hinds, 649, M. Miller, 550, M. Marks, 528	

Senior Citizens League

Cornell's Realty	51-40
Totten's Body Shop	51-5-40-5
Buccelli's Pizza	50-5-31-5
Century 21 Realty	48-31
Mac's Drug Store	47-45
Bayham Wood Products	46-5
Flowers By Jose	38-54
Sylvester's Sports	38-52
Men's High Game: R. Dandy	202, F. Krolkowski, 181
Men's High Series: F. Krolkowski, 511, H. Ingram, 508	
Women's High Game: D. Hall, 186, 175, 182, E. Hubert, 175	
Women's High Series: D. Hall, 480, R. J. Mead, 447, D. Mead, 440	

Triangle League

Modier Auto	23-9
J.P. Motor Mall	22-10
Blankens	18-14
Airway Auto	17-15
Grayling Ford	14-18
3-D's	13-19
Barber Const.	12-5-20
Jackson Trio	8-24
High Game: L. Rioux, 244, L. Davis, 206, Mosher, 205	
High Series: L. Rioux, 560, D. Henning, 504, Schneber, 520	

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Pool League

Swamp II	123
Legion	122
Plaza	120
Red Barn	112
Spikes	105
Breakers	102
5 BALL RUN: Jeannie of Red Barn	
8 BALL RUN: Mary Ann of Swamp II	

Middle School wrestlers have good showing

The Middle School Wrestling Team traveled to Gladwin Saturday, Feb. 22, and came back with an impressive showing by capturing 14 out of 24 medals.

Medal winners in their respective weight classes were: 6- to 8-year-old division were Joey Ferrigan, second place; Billy Stewart, third place; and Eli VanNuck, third place. In the 9- and 10-year-old division: Daryl Babbitt, second place. In the 11- and 12-year-old division: Chris Malone, second place; Roy Middleton, second place; Eric Hunter, third place; and Brandon Pratt, third place. In the 13- and 14-year-old division: Victor Cebelaca, first place; Sean Mitchell, first place; Nick Bayham, second place; Chris Peters, second place; Alfred Borchers, third place; and Angela Everson, third place.

Also wrestling very well for Grayling were: Isaac VanNuck, Brian Borchers, Jesse Cebelaca, Joey Highlen, Zack VanNuck, Mike Barnes, Marty Benstead, Scott Carnes, Chris McGuire and Larry Bayham.

Saturday, March 1, the team will travel to Ogemaw Heights with wrestling starting at 10 a.m.

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LOOKING ON Assistant coach Dan Benkert and head coach Don Ferguson coach their wrestlers from the edge of the mat in tournament action. The Viking coaching staff now will prepare individuals for the state finals.

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of the Mortgage made by MICHAEL J LEWIS, a single man, of 1011 N.E. Trail Grayling, MI 49634, to NORTH CENTRAL AREA CREDIT UNION, 1139 Lake Street, P.O. Box 222, Roscommon, MI 48673, dated January 16, 1995 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on January 23, 1995 in Liber 380, Page 213-218, on which Mortgage there is a note due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest the sum of Thirty Thousand and One Hundred Fifty Dollars and 91/100 (\$30,150.91) Dollars, and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof, whereat the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, thereof, and in pursuance to the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage thereof will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or as much thereof as may be necessary to produce, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Wednesday, April 1, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. of sale day, and all premises will be sold to pay the amount so due and then due on said Mortgage together with eight and 2/100 (8 1/100) percent interest, legal costs, attorney's fees and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale, which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows: to wit: Lovells Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

CLAY NORTHERN HEIGHTS, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plat, page 22, Crawford County Records, Street address: 1341 N.E. Trail, Grayling, MI 49634.

The period of redemption will be six (6) months from the date of sale unless determined to be otherwise pursuant to MCL 611.600-3241 (1) where the period of redemption shall be thirty (30) days.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated: 13 February 1997

By: Gerald F. Brahan P.C./C.L.

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2/16/13-20-27

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting February 14, 1997

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Supervisor Riley. All board members were present. There were 6 guests present.

Minutes to the regular meeting of 1/13/97 and special meeting 1/30/97 were approved.

Reports given by Supervisor, Treasurer, Firechief on Planning/Zoning and Fire Department.

Paul Olson reviewed our insurance coverage for the next policy year. Motion by Moharak to accept Par Plan for our insurance coverage with payment immediately. Seconded and carried.

Twelve pieces of correspondence were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS.

Per attorney Dossens request, motion by McGregor, seconded by Moharak, to ratify signatures of Hartman & McGregor who signed Deed for sale of Lot 46 in Swartzville. Motion

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Due to the resignation of the Lovells Township Treasurer, effective March 31, 1997, the Township board will be accepting applications from township residents interested in this position.

Please contact the township supervisor on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm at the Lovells Township Hall.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

-27-6



BIG HIT — Nicole Craigie spikes the ball in recent action, as Jessica Waite (11) looks on. The Vikings were scheduled to compete in the league meet on Friday, Feb. 21 but it was postponed. The league meet was rescheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 26 in Rogers City.

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NOTICE FREDERIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Frederic Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 7564 Kelly Ave. Frederic, on the following dates.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at 10 am.

TO MEET WITH TAXPAYERS: Monday, March 10, 1997, 9 am-4 pm; Wednesday, March 12, 13, 9 am-4 pm.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	46.03	1.08620
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	43.75	1.14070

-27-6 Brian Hulbert, Supervisor

NOTICE CITY OF GRAYLING BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet at the Grayling City Hall, 103 James St., on the following dates:

TO MEET WITH TAXPAYERS:
Monday, March 10, 1997, 9 am - 12 noon and 1-4 pm.
Tuesday, March 11, 1997, 9 am - 12 noon and 1-4 pm.
Saturday, March 15, 1997, 9 am - 1 pm.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD:
Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at 7 pm, at City Hall.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000

-20-27-6 Larry D. Hunter
City Assessor

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 4, 1997, at 11 am, at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, for the purpose of reviewing the 1997 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 10, 1997, and Tuesday, March 11, 1997, 9 am to 12 noon and 1-4 pm, at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8994 S. Oak Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township.

CLASS	FACTOR
Agricultural	1.0000
Commercial	1.0000
Industrial	1.0000
Residential	1.0000

-20-27-6 Lee Riley
Township Supervisor

NOTICE REQUIRED REGISTER OF DEEDS CHANGES

Please be advised House Bill No. 5858 has been approved by the Senate and is now known as Public Act 459 which will become effective April 1, 1997. This bill will significantly change the format of documents eligible for recording, within the Register of Deeds office.

Documents executed after April 1, 1997 will be required to comply with the following changes and additions to the recording requirements in Michigan:

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-Require that printing be black ink on white paper for forms presented for recording.

-Mandates a 2.5" margin at the top of the first page with 1/2" minimum margins on attached paper.

-Requires that the type of documents be identified on the first line of print and only one document type will be indexed per recording.

-Identifies the minimum (8.5 x 11") and maximum (8.5 x 14") size of documents and attachments to documents.

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Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE
TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE
FOREST TOWNSHIP

The organizational meeting of the Maple Forest Township Board of Review will be March 4, 1997, at 9 a.m.

The board of review will meet with the public on March 10, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-4 p.m. Also March 13, 1997, from 1-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the township hall on Sherman Road.

-13-20-27-6

Mark Kniss, Supervisor

GRAYLING
TOWNSHIP
BOARD
Regular Meeting
February 11, 1997

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Medler, Melvin Nunn, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dean Goss, David Malm, Floyd & Shirley Moore, Howard & Darlene Jarvis, Walter Walsh, David Delaney, Tom & Sharon Hall.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Wright.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Nunn, supported by O'Mara, to approve minutes of January 14, 1997. All ayes.

motion carried.

Treasurer's report for December 1996 was read and placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE (No action required): C.A. School District Board Happenings, 1-20-97; Crawford Emergency Central Dispatch, 12-96 Report; Crawford Roscommon Conservation District, 1-97 Minutes; BFI Correspondence 1-20-97 RE: Rate adjustment.

BUSINESS:

1. Dean Goss, Crawford County Sheriff's Dept., was recently appointed as Grayling Township's liaison officer by Sheriff Lovely. He was present to explain various areas of assistance: traffic control, roads, complaints, neighborhood watch programs, etc.

Goss also requested, on behalf of the Fire Dept., that they be notified when new subdivisions or businesses are created to allow for Fire Dept. emergency planning.

2. Attorney, David Delaney, representing Tom & Sharon Hall, Lake Margrethe residents, were present to discuss recent and ongoing court cases regarding public road rights-of-way that end at the water's edge. Delaney asked the Board's stand on abandonment of public road ends in general? The Halls are plaintiffs in a case involving Northern Blvd. off N. Portage Avenue at Lake Margrethe.

The consensus of the Board was that a close public hearing of necessity on Clearwater Trail Special Assessment District for Maintenance and return to regular session. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Motion by Ashton, support by O'Mara, to recess meeting and re-convene PUBLIC HEARING on Clearwater Trail Special

Assessment District that was tabled December 1996. All ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor reviewed that the public hearing had been tabled to allow property owners on Clearwater Trail to study alternatives to maintenance proposal of December which was not well received by residents because of a proposed cost of \$3600.00 per year.

David Malm, selected coordinator of maintenance at December meeting, offered a proposal worked out over the last sixty days with eight of ten property owners involved. Two owners were unavailable for comment.

The proposal is \$375.00 per year for snowplowing using Special Assessment District as means of collection. Grading and gravel would be handled separately and privately by the property owners as a group. The snowplowing cost would be \$87.50 per property owner per year over five years unless additional residences are added, in which case the roll would be adjusted.

The bid for snowplowing is offered by Gary Fox, Clearwater Trail resident.

Floyd & Shirley Moore, Howard & Jarvis and David Malm spoke in favor of the project. No one spoke in opposition to the revised proposal.

Motion by Ashton, support by O'Mara, to close public hearing of necessity on Clearwater Trail Special Assessment District for Maintenance and return to regular session. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Ashton, to resolve to create a Special Assessment District for Maintenance of Clearwater Trail, authorize Supervisor to draw the tentative Special

Assessment Roll and schedule public hearing of the tentative Special Assessment Roll for Tuesday, March 11, 1997, at 8:00 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Nunn, support by Medler, to adopt Grayling Township Ordinance No. 97-1, Nudity and Adult Entertainment Ordinance. The Ordinance will become effective upon publication in the Crawford County Avalanche on February 27, 1997. Ayes; five, Nays; none, motion carried.

5. Motion by Nunn, support by O'Mara, to authorize change to Michigan Township Association Group Pension Plan Policy GN-76119-7 to allow entry of new employees or elected officials on the first day of the month following fulfillment of ninety day probation requirement. Ayes; five, Nays; none, motion carried.

6. Motion by O'Mara, support by Medler, to re-appoint Joseph Ely to a two year term on the Grayling Township Board of Review. All ayes, motion carried.

7. A letter of resignation was accepted from Ron Gribb as Grayling Township's representative on the Grayling Recreation Authority.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Medler, to appoint Walter Walsh as Grayling Township's representative on the Grayling Recreation Board. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Nunn, support by Ashton, to authorize up to \$250.00 per fiscal year per family of full-time employees and elected officials with office hours for vision care provided by the office of Dr. William Dean, Grayling. Invoice or receipt for payment must be provided to the Clerk for reimbursement. Monies not used cannot be carried over to the next fiscal year. Effective July 1, 1997. Ayes; five, Nays; none, motion carried. Dr. Dean has agreed to 20% discount on frames and lenses, contacts, option and a reduced rate of \$35.00 for eye exams.

9. Motion by Medler, support by O'Mara, to authorize payment of bills on vouchers 18343 through 18389, Board and Comm. fees \$380.00, Guardian Dental \$159.20, and Liquor inspections \$90.00 for a grand total of \$16,659.58. Ayes, five, Nays; none, motion carried.

10. Department Reports: Supervisor to schedule five year plan brainstorming session. Planning Commission to continue work session on Master Plan 2/25/97.

11. No further matters to be brought before the board, there was a motion to adjourn by Nunn, carried.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE
OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that on February 11, 1997, the Grayling Township Board adopted the following Ordinance regulating nudity and adult entertainment in Grayling Township. The Ordinance will be known as Grayling Township Ordinance 97-1. The text of the Ordinance follows in its entirety and is effective upon publication, February 27, 1997.

Copies of Ordinance 97-1 are available at the Grayling Township Hall, 1090 Viking Way, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361 or Fax (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

Grayling Township
Ordinance No. 97-1
Nudity And Adult Entertainment Ordinance
Adopted Feb. 11, 1997
Effective Feb. 27, 1997

ARTICLE I: Preamble

An Ordinance to provide for the regulation, control, and prohibition of certain undesirable adult entertainment and certain displays and exhibitions of the human body near residential, recreational, planned and deferred development areas, special environmental districts, and properties upon which alcoholic beverages are sold.

ARTICLE II: Legislative Findings

It is hereby determined that some activities are recognized as having a deleterious effect upon adjacent areas, causing blight, a chilling effect upon other businesses and occupants, a disruption in neighborhood development and a general detriment to the moral welfare of the community. Accordingly, the township enacts this ordinance to protect the health, safety and welfare of the township by minimizing the adverse impact of these activities in the township.

ARTICLE III: Definitions

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms or designations shall have the following meanings:

a. adult bookstore: an establishment having more than 20 percent of its stock in trade, books, magazines, periodicals, newspapers, video tapes, video discs and motion pictures which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas," as hereinafter defined, or an establishment with a segment or section having more than 20 percent of its stock in trade devoted to the sale or display of such material, or which establishment excludes admission to minors by virtue of age.

b. adult video store: an establishment having more than 20 percent of its stock in trade, video cassettes, video discs or video tapes which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas," as hereinafter defined, or an establishment with a segment or section having more than 20 percent of its stock in trade devoted to the sale or display of such material, or which establishment excludes admission to minors by virtue of age.

c. adult mini motion picture theater: an enclosure with a capacity of less than 50 person used for presenting material distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas," as hereinafter defined for observation by patrons therein.

d. adult motion picture theater: an enclosure with a capacity for more than 50 persons used for presenting material distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas," as hereinafter defined for observation by patrons therein.

ARTICLE IV: Unlawful Acts:

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any of the following businesses within 1,500 feet of any property zoned (R-1) Single Family Residential District, (R-2) General Residential District, (NRD) Natural River District, (R-F) Recreational Forest District, (DD) Deferred Development District, (PUD) Planned Unit Development District, or any other district allowing single or multi-residential dwellings, or any other district with temporary designation, or designated as a special environmental area:

- a. Adult book store
- b. Adult video store
- c. Adult motion picture theater
- d. Adult mini motion picture theater

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to allow, permit, or participate in any of the following activities in any store, bar or business establishment in which alcohol is sold, whether for carry out or on-premises consumption.

a. Any activity in which the participants have less than completely and opaquely covered genitalia, pubic regions, buttocks, and female breasts.

b. The showing to the patrons of any photographs, movies or videos presenting material characterized by an emphasis or matter depicting or relating to acts of or, acts of human masturbation, sexual intercourse, or sodomy, fondling or other erotic touching of human genitalia, pubic regions, buttocks or female breasts, human genitalia in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal of the anatomical regions mentioned in (a) above.

ARTICLE V: Violations and Penalties

Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance or any amendment thereto, or who fails to perform any act required hereunder or does any prohibited act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 or imprisonment in the County Jail for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, for each offense. Each and every day on which any violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder. Any violation of this ordinance is hereby declared to be a public nuisance per se which may be abated in Circuit Court either in lieu of, or in addition to, criminal prosecution.

ARTICLE VI: Severability

Shall any portion of this ordinance be declared invalid by Court action, the ordinance as a whole and all remaining portions shall be considered valid and in full force and effect.

ARTICLE VII: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication.

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motion carried.

Treasurer's report for December 1996 was

read and placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE (No action required): C.A. School District Board Happenings, 1-20-97; Crawford Emergency Central Dispatch, 12-96 Report; Crawford Roscommon Conservation District, 1-97 Minutes; BFI Correspondence 1-20-97 RE: Rate adjustment.

BUSINESS:

1. Dean Goss, Crawford County Sheriff's Dept., was recently appointed as Grayling Township's liaison officer by Sheriff Lovely. He was present to explain various areas of assistance: traffic control, roads, complaints, neighborhood watch programs, etc.

Goss also requested, on behalf of the Fire Dept., that they be notified when new subdivisions or businesses are created to allow for Fire Dept. emergency planning.

2. Attorney, David Delaney, representing Tom & Sharon Hall, Lake Margrethe residents, were present to discuss recent and ongoing court cases regarding public road rights-of-way that end at the water's edge. Delaney asked the Board's stand on abandonment of public road ends in general? The Halls are plaintiffs in a case involving Northern Blvd. off N. Portage Avenue at Lake Margrethe.

The consensus of the Board was that a close public hearing of necessity on Clearwater Trail Special Assessment District for Maintenance and return to regular session. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Motion by Ashton, support by O'Mara, to recess meeting and re-convene PUBLIC HEARING on Clearwater Trail Special

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Terry Wright, Supervisor

Monica Ashton, Clerk

20-27-6

NOTICE
GRAYLING TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at 10 a.m., at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9 a.m. Monday, March 10, 1997, until 12 noon, and 1-4 p.m. They will meet again with taxpayers on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, during the same hours. This year, the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 13, from 6-8:30 p.m., and Saturday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come, first-served basis."

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Terry Wright, Supervisor

Monica Ashton, Clerk

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NOTICE
LOVELLS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF REVIEW

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The board will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 10 and Tuesday, March 11, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-4 p.m., at the Lovells Township Hall.

The following are the tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township.

CLASS

TENTATIVE RATIO

FACTOR

Agricultural 36.67 1.3635

Commercial 49.34 1.0000

Residential 47.48 1.0531

Personal 49.98 1.0000

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Frederick Schabli

Lovells Township Supervisor

20-27-6

NOTICE
GRAYLING TOWNSHIP
TO PROPERTY OWNERS ON
CLEARWATER TRAIL

The Grayling Township Board will hold PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, beginning at 8 p.m. in the conference room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (M-72 West), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the following road which has been petitioned for improvements by a majority of the property owners of frontage along said road.

CLEARWATER TRAIL, SECTION 9, T26N, R3W: To consider the Tentative Special Assessment Roll for spreading the costs of maintenance (snowplowing) of said road. Property owners with frontage along Clearwater Trail who feel they should be excused from the assessment roll because they do not benefit must be present or notify the Township in writing to protect rights of further appeal.

Tentative assessment rolls, original petitions, and estimates are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (M-72 West) Grayling, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the requests may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361 or Fax (517) 348-6713.

20-27-6

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.

Grayling Township Clerk

FEATURES

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Forecast For: March 2 - 7, 1997

ARIES March 21-April 19	A new development could cause a major upset on the homefront. Dispense information with care.
TAURUS April 20 - May 20	Financial gains come flowing in. Use this unexpected revenue to finance special project.
GEMINI May 21 - June 20	A quick study will bring surprising rewards. Educate yourself to the possibilities.
CANCER June 21 - July 22	Invest in the future by helping younger person get a foothold on the present. Your assistance will be appreciated.
LEO July 23 - Aug 22	Pay attention to detail. Household duties need tending to. Avoid socializing this week.
VIRGO Aug 23 - Sept 22	Prepare carefully for a special presentation. Others are counting on you to pull it off.
LIBRA Sept 23 - Oct 22	It is not to early to make plans for summer vacation. Indulge your imagination and map out your strategy.
SCORPIO Oct 23 - Nov 21	Avoid travel now. Climate conditions will not be conducive to driving and air travel is out of the question.
SAGITTARIUS Nov 22 - Dec 21	Spend these cold winter days digging through closets and drawers and disposing of unnecessary items. Clean it up.
CAPRICORN Dec 22 - Jan 19	Advance warning may not come soon enough. Be on your guard and watch for falling stars.
AQUARIUS Jan 20 - Feb 18	Strong reactions may result from news circulated at home. Hold your temper in check and don't argue.
PISCES Feb 19 - March 20	Cut out unnecessary extravagances. Trim your expenses and rework your budget. Income reduction warrants change.

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago February 28, 1974

The Grayling boys ski team successfully defended its throne at the top of the Michigan Huron Shores Conference last week at Sylvan Knob in Gaylord. The Vikings placed first to beat out Petoskey, Boyne City, Gaylord, Charlevoix and Cheboygan. The Viking ski champs are: Kevin Zimmerman, Dennis Theaker, Tom Vajda, Herb Olson, Dave King and Kevin Sloan.

Twenty-four additional toll circuits will soon be put in service in the Roscommon-Gayling area, stated G. E. Michaud, Roscommon Customer Service Manager for General Telephone Company. Jim Duley, project co-ordinator for the Grayling Rotary Club's first annual fish fry, announced that 570 diners were served this past Friday at the American Legion, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Jack Johnson family.

Mrs. Berglund's second grade class designed hats for their "Mad Hatter Tea Party" which was held on Feb. 6. Miss Williams' first grade class was invited to an afternoon tea. They brought their hats which they had also designed and made themselves. Among this most important group were kings, queens, princes, princesses, heroes, sailors, cowboys and many other dignified ladies and gentlemen.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Calkins and family of Detroit spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Walker.

Mrs. Louise Haefka underwent surgery at Mercy Hospital on Thursday. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Campau were hosts at the party Saturday night. Prizes were won by Sophie Koernke, Ruth Caid, Bill Koernke and Walter Buttlers. Mr. and Mrs. Cook will have the party this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stalker and sons of Saline visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Bill Koernke over the weekend.

Tom Morris is a patient at Mercy Hospital. His friends wish him a speedy recovery.

The Cheerful Givers Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Edith Maki Thursday evening at 7:30. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lance and baby were Saturday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs.

46 Years Ago March 1, 1951

Alfred Hanson returned home Thursday from a business trip to South Bend, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Welch have installed the new Copperheat forced hot water heating system in the Jorgenson house they are remodeling for their new home. This heating system was installed by B-C-D Company.

Bruce LaChappelle returned to his duties with the U.S. Navy in San Francisco, Sunday, after spending four days with mother, Mrs. Calvin Church and other relatives.

Floyd Davis attended the Michigan Amateur Radio Ham Convention in Grand Rapids, Saturday.

Mrs. Ted Thompson returned home Saturday, after spending several days in Lansing, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Clark.

Weekend guests at the Henry Bradley home were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Westerholm and son, Eric, of Lakewood, Ohio.

Miss Christine Sales of Michigan State College spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Sales.

Clement Blaine was in Bay City and Saginaw Thursday on business.

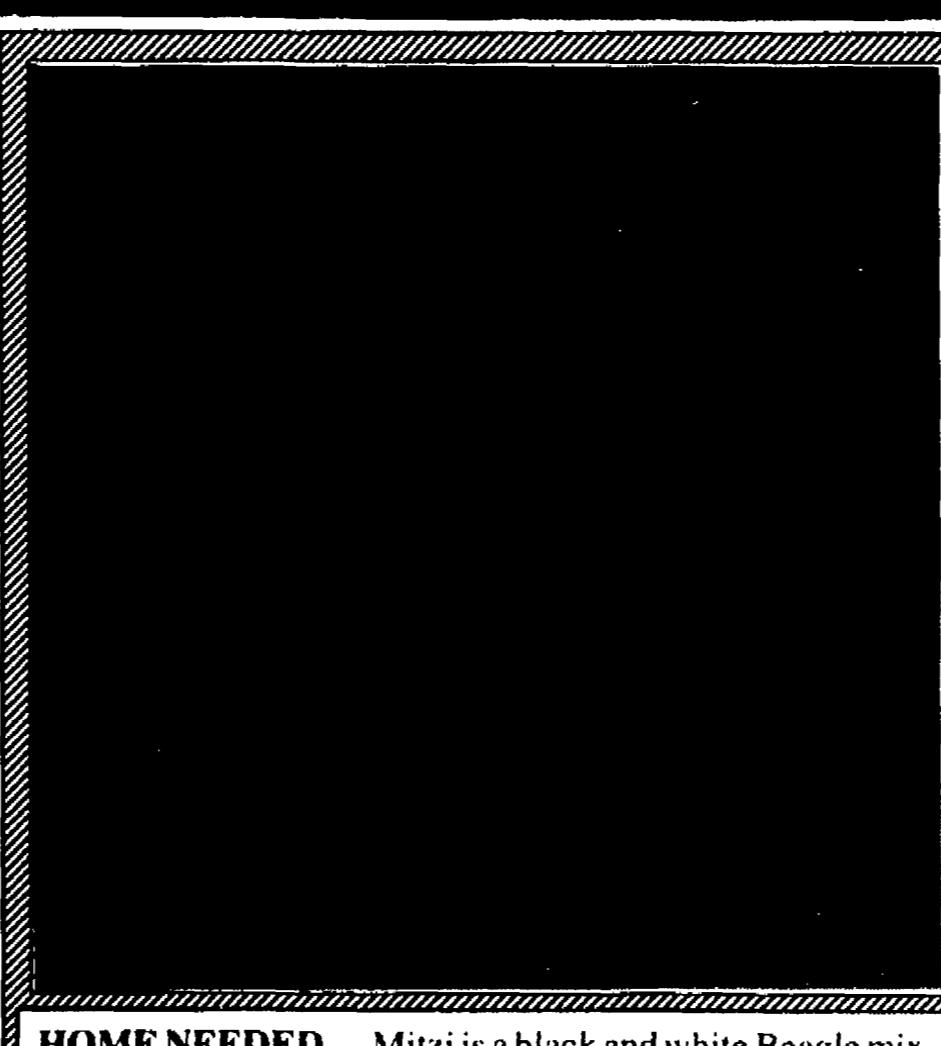
Mrs. Wesley Kumpula spent the weekend in Detroit visiting her sister and family.

Earl Gierke spent the weekend in Detroit visiting his mother Mrs. A. F. Gierke, who is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Leo Jeambert.

Folks were quite startled Tuesday morning to see a deer running up the alley pursued by two dogs.

69 Years Ago March 1, 1928

The property owners of the several townships of Crawford County will have occasion to rejoice upon receiving from County Treasurer William Ferguson, the money from the State levied upon the forest reserve and



HOME NEEDED — Mitzi is a black and white Beagle mix. She is spayed and housebroken. This dog is suitable for older kids. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

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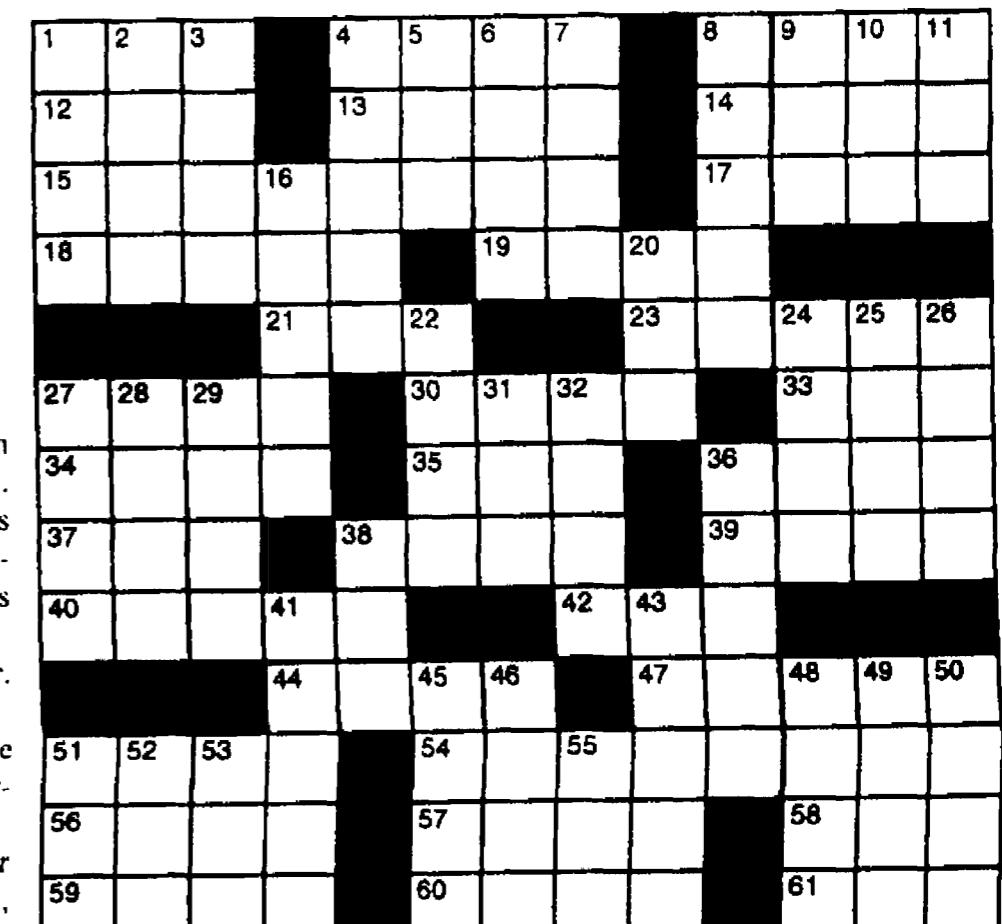
The ethylene glycol in antifreeze tastes sweet, but it is highly toxic, warns the Animal Protection Institute. A tiny amount can kill a family pet — or a child.

Use a non-toxic antifreeze, advises the Animal Protection Institute. While just a few ounces of regular antifreeze will kill a small dog and less than a tablespoon will kill a cat, now available is an antifreeze that contains a safer chemical, propylene glycol.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Ad. Committee	58. Pro	1. N.Y.	S.A.	A.	X.N.Y.A.
4. Injection	59. Pull	2. O.	1. V.	2. I.	3. E.
8. Play failure	60. Dampens	3. T.	1. O.	2. V.	3. E.
12. Eggs	61. Ammo	4. N.	1. E.	2. I.	3. A.
13. SW tribe	14. An O'Neill	5. Y.	1. V.	2. H.	3. V.
15. A. Truman	17. Pitcher Nolan	6. N.	1. O.	2. U.	3. H.
18. John of music	19. The rule	7. N.	1. S.	2. U.	3. H.
21. Endorses	23. Taking advantage of	8. N.	1. T.	2. O.	3. H.
27. Forked tail fish	29. Opposed	9. N.	1. A.	2. W.	3. D.
30. Algerian, e.g.	31. vs. Wade	10. N.	1. S.	2. G.	3. O.
33. Wine (Fr.)	32. Wager	11. N.	1. C.	2. H.	3. T.
34. Microscopic piece	36. "Oliver Twist" character	12. N.	1. T.	2. I.	3. Y.
35. Tracy movie	38. Tiny	13. N.	1. E.	2. F.	3. C.
"Edward, My _"	41. Contemplate	14. N.	1. R.	2. L.	3. E.
36. FDR's dog	43. Fleeces	15. N.	1. S.	2. M.	3. G.
37. Grain	45. Swear	16. N.	1. E.	2. A.	3. H.
38. Stimulate	46. Mere's mate	17. N.	1. R.	2. B.	3. R.
39. Over	48. Inspire	18. N.	1. S.	2. C.	3. S.
40. Inscribe	50. Economics (abbr.)	19. N.	1. T.	2. D.	3. T.
42. Alphabet sequence	51. Garment fold	20. N.	1. R.	2. E.	3. W.
44. Stack	52. Bean or sauce	21. N.	1. S.	2. F.	3. Z.
47. Anointed	53. Restaurant door sign	22. N.	1. T.	2. G.	3. A.
51. Partly	55. Woman's hairpiece	23. N.	1. H.	2. H.	3. H.
54. A Lake		24. N.	1. I.	2. I.	3. I.
56. Baker		25. N.	1. J.	2. J.	3. J.
57. Voiced		26. N.	1. K.	2. K.	3. K.



RECYCLER: THE ROBOT

Recycler is a robot who teaches kids how to recycle materials. His body is made up of recycled things. How many can you find?



94 Years Ago March 2, 1905

John Nolan was laid up with the grippe for a couple of weeks, but is now back at the meat block doing business.

John Malco of Maple Forest was a visitor at our sanctum the last of the week. As usual he's making the snow fly this winter with his lumbering operations.

Walmer Jorgenson's convalescing

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on Ground
2/19	51	37	—	21"
2/20	37	16	—	20"
2/21	38	23	0.28	17"
2/22	33	7	0.18	23"
2/23	18	3	0.03	25"
2/24	24	-5	0.015	26"
2/25	15	-8	T	26"

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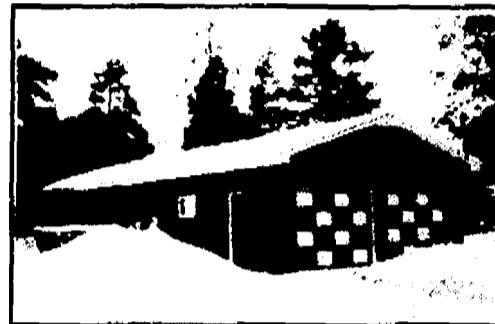
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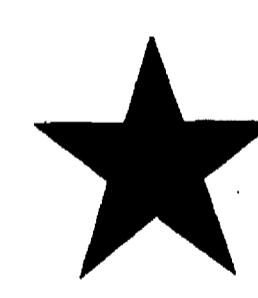
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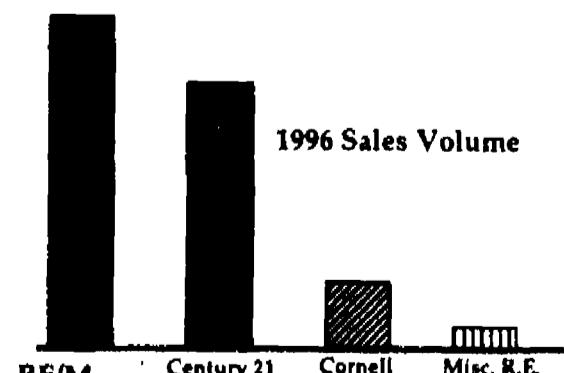


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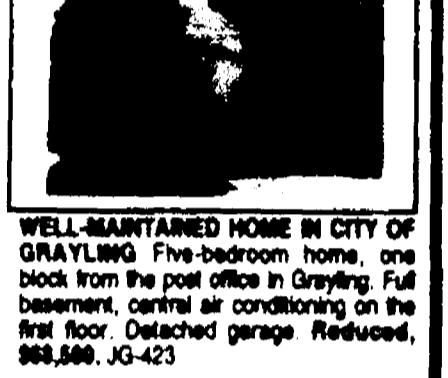
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3. Employment

PART-TIME SECRETARY: three days a week. Varied duties in natural resource related field. Experience in clerical, computers, correspondence, proofing, accounting. Resume immediately to: ATTN: HP, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. -27/3

RIVER HOUSE SHELTER is seeking a qualified person in Grayling area to provide direct child care to youths ranging in age 3 through 12, two hours per week. \$5.15 per hour. Experience in childcare, able to work well with others and require minimum supervision. Submit resume to: Deborah, River House Shelter, P.O. Box 661, Grayling, MI 49738 or call 348-3169 for more information.
-20-27/3

WAIT STAFF WANTED: Experience preferred. Apply at Fred's in Roscommon.
-27-6/3

3. Employment

POSITION, PAY, PROGRESS: Two openings now exist for smart-minded people in local branch of large international firm. This is an impressive opportunity in outside sales for an ambitious person who wants to get ahead. We provide hospitalization, dental plan, life insurance, ESOP and 401K. Also complete three week training program. Previous experience not necessary. Income opportunity \$25,000 - \$35,000 first year. Guaranteed income to start! Only those who sincerely want to get ahead need apply. Send letter or resume to: Personnel Director, P.O. Box 1502, Muskegon, MI 49443-1502.
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PART-TIME HOMEMAKER needed for light housekeeping in client's homes. 20 hours or under per week, must have own transportation and be able to work with senior citizens. Pick up application and job description at the Commission on Aging, 308 Lawndale, Grayling, EOE.
-27-6/3

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-27/3

3. Employment

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George Granger, former Grayling City Manager and long-time resident, has relocated to be with his son at:

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On Wednesday, March 5, at 10:30 am, his friends are invited to celebrate his 90th birthday at Goodale's Bakery.

ATTENTION LOW-INCOME PERSONS

Attention low-income persons who are in need of housing. There may be a phone system available through the Crawford County Housing Committee. Information and limited monthly payments available. For more information or an application, contact: Secretary at the Crawford County Housing Committee, 203 Huron St., Grayling, MI. Funds have been awarded to Crawford County for a Community Block Development Grant #9316.

EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING PROGRAM

Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium is requesting proposals for the Employment and Training Program in the Michigan Works Agency (MWA), counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle.

The target population is economically disadvantaged adults at-risk youth, dislocated workers, FIA and MESA referrals.

Proposal due date is: April 4, 1997.

Available dollars are based on planning allocations. Funds will be allocated as:

Subregion I: Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle Counties
Subregion II: Cheboygan and Otsego Counties
Subregion III: Crawford and Oscoda Counties

\$860,331
\$455,633
\$269,747

FUNDING AVAILABILITY

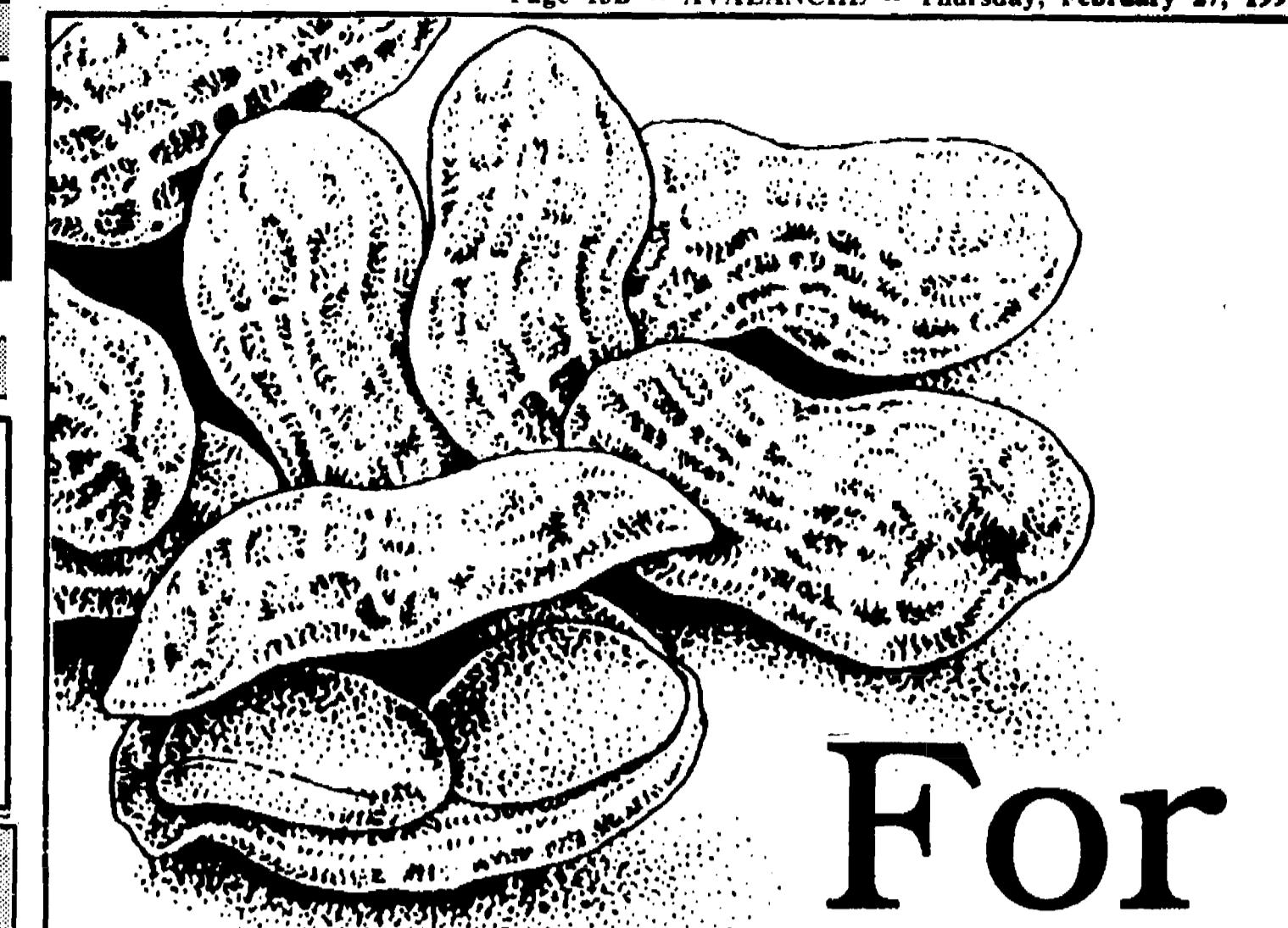
Program	Subregion I	Subregion II	Subregion III	MWA Total
JTPA Title IIA (Adult)	\$247,065.00	\$162,489.00	\$83,588.00	\$493,142.00
Direct Training	\$160,592.00	\$105,618.00	\$54,332.00	\$320,542.00
Training Related/Support Services	\$86,473.00	\$56,871.00	\$29,256.00	\$172,600.00
*JTPA Title IIC (Youth)	\$39,200.00	\$19,600.00	\$8,400.00	\$67,200.00
Direct Training	\$25,200.00	\$12,600.00	\$5,400.00	\$43,200.00
Training Related Support Services	\$14,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$24,000.00
JTPA Title III (EDWAAA)	\$174,865.00	\$115,411.00	\$59,454.00	\$349,730.00
Retraining	\$79,016.00	\$52,151.00	\$26,865.00	\$158,032.00
Basic Readjustment Services	\$95,849.00	\$63,260.00	\$32,589.00	\$191,698.00
JTPA Title IIA 5% (Older Worker)	\$9,371.00	\$6,185.00	\$3,186.00	\$18,742.00
Direct Training	\$5,730.00	\$3,782.00	\$1,948.00	\$11,460.00
Training Related/Support Services	\$3,641.00	\$2,403.00	\$1,238.00	\$7,282.00
UI Profiling - Basic Readjustment Services	\$21,539.00	\$10,770.00	\$10,769.00	\$43,078.00
Work First (7/1/97 - 9/30/97)	\$108,538.00	\$41,606.00	\$30,753.00	\$180,897.00
Work First (10/1/97 - 9/30/98)	\$259,753.00	\$99,572.00	\$73,597.00	\$432,922.00

*Funds available, but amount will only cover carry-in participants.

Proposers may bid for one or more subregions or the total MWA.

Requests for proposals should be made to Terry Basel, 517-733-8548, Michigan Works-Northeast Consortium, PO Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Disk copies are available upon request. Mandatory Bidder's Conference will be held March 4, 1997, at 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 1000 U.S. 23 North, Alpena, Michigan. Lunch will not be provided. The proposal deadline submission date is 4:30 p.m., April 4, 1997, at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, Onaway, Michigan. Late proposals will not be considered. FAXed copies will not be accepted.

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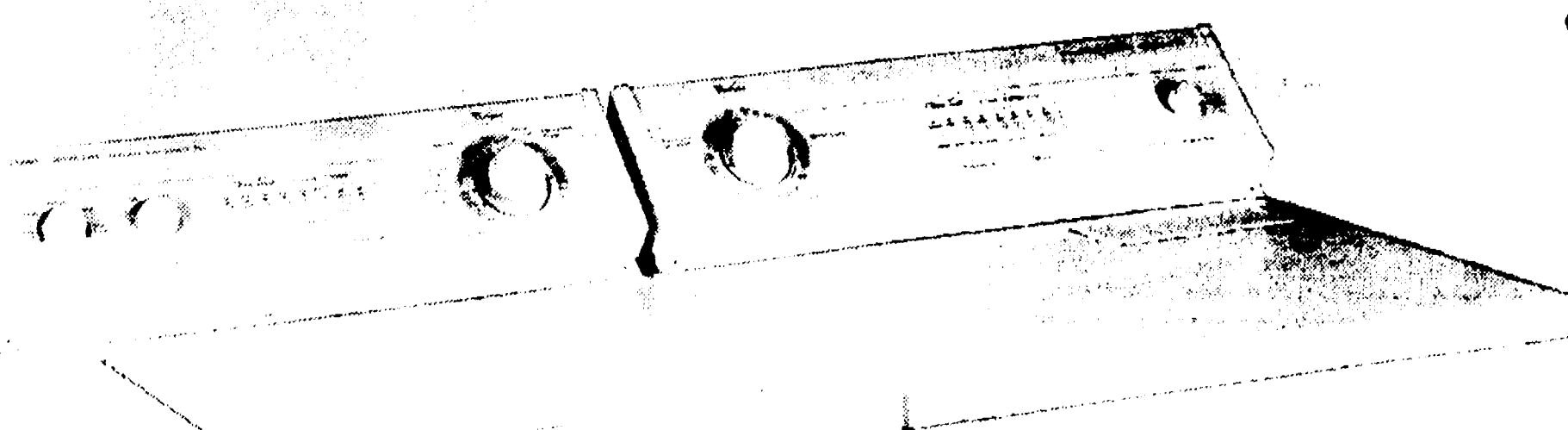
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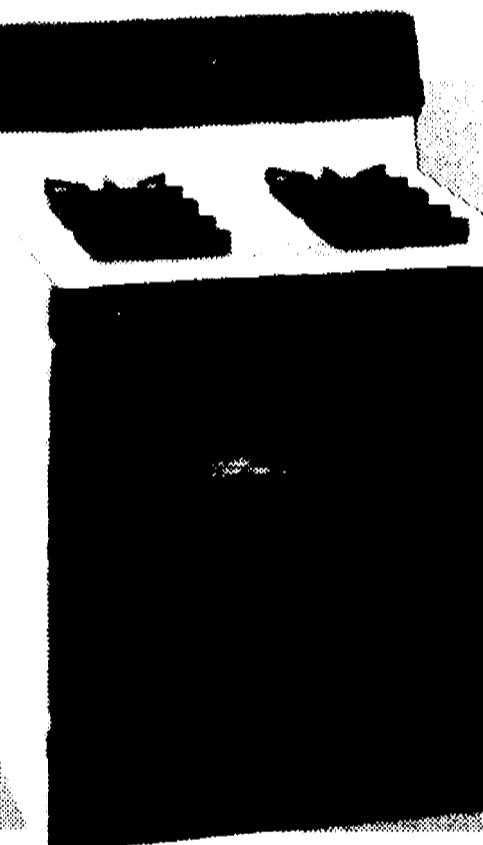
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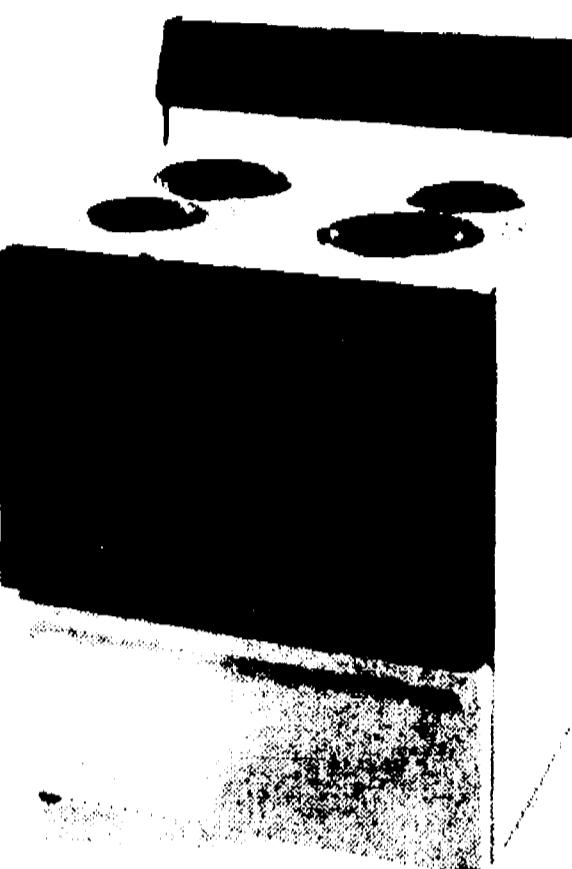
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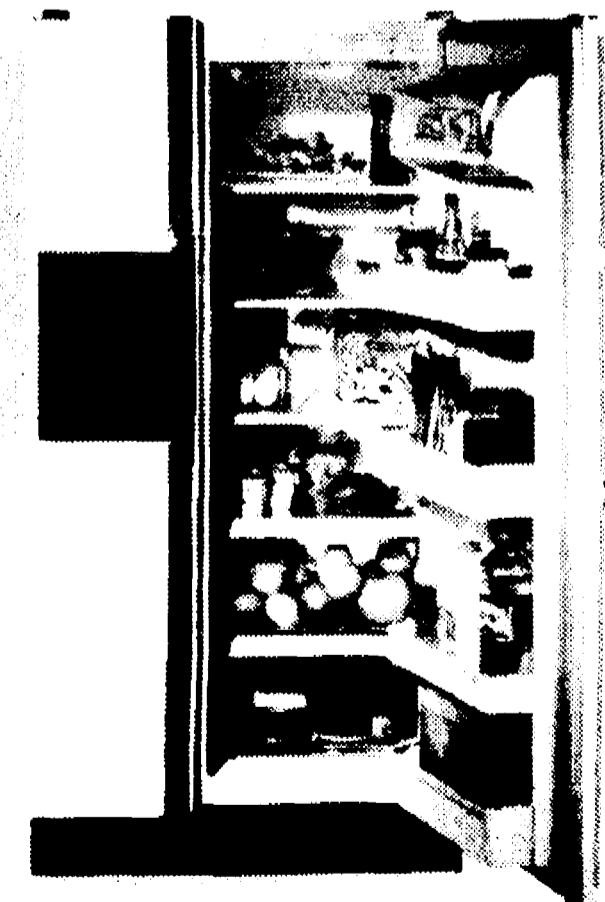
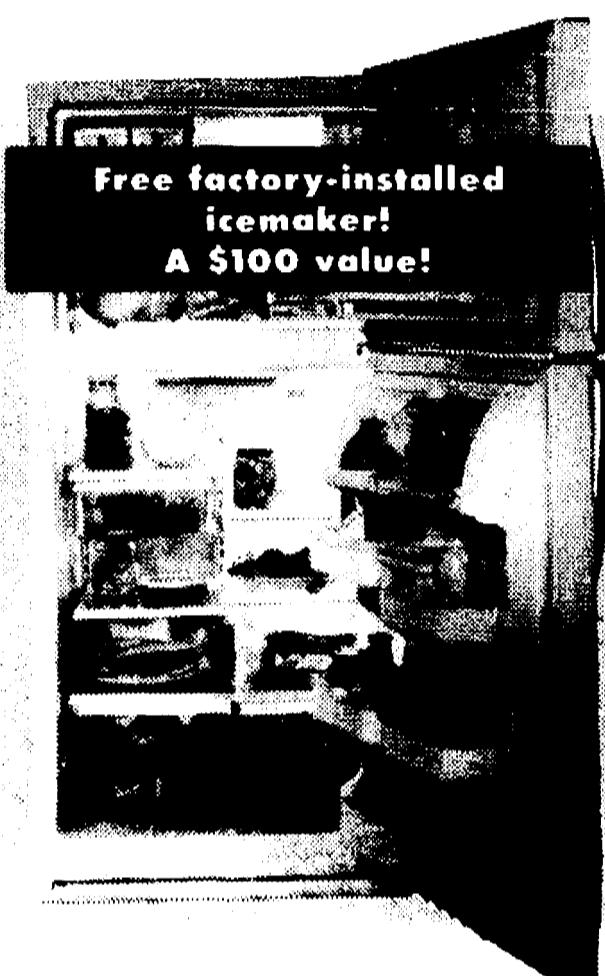
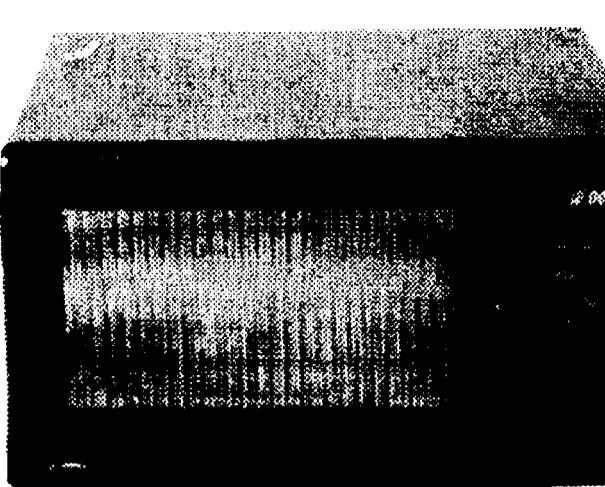
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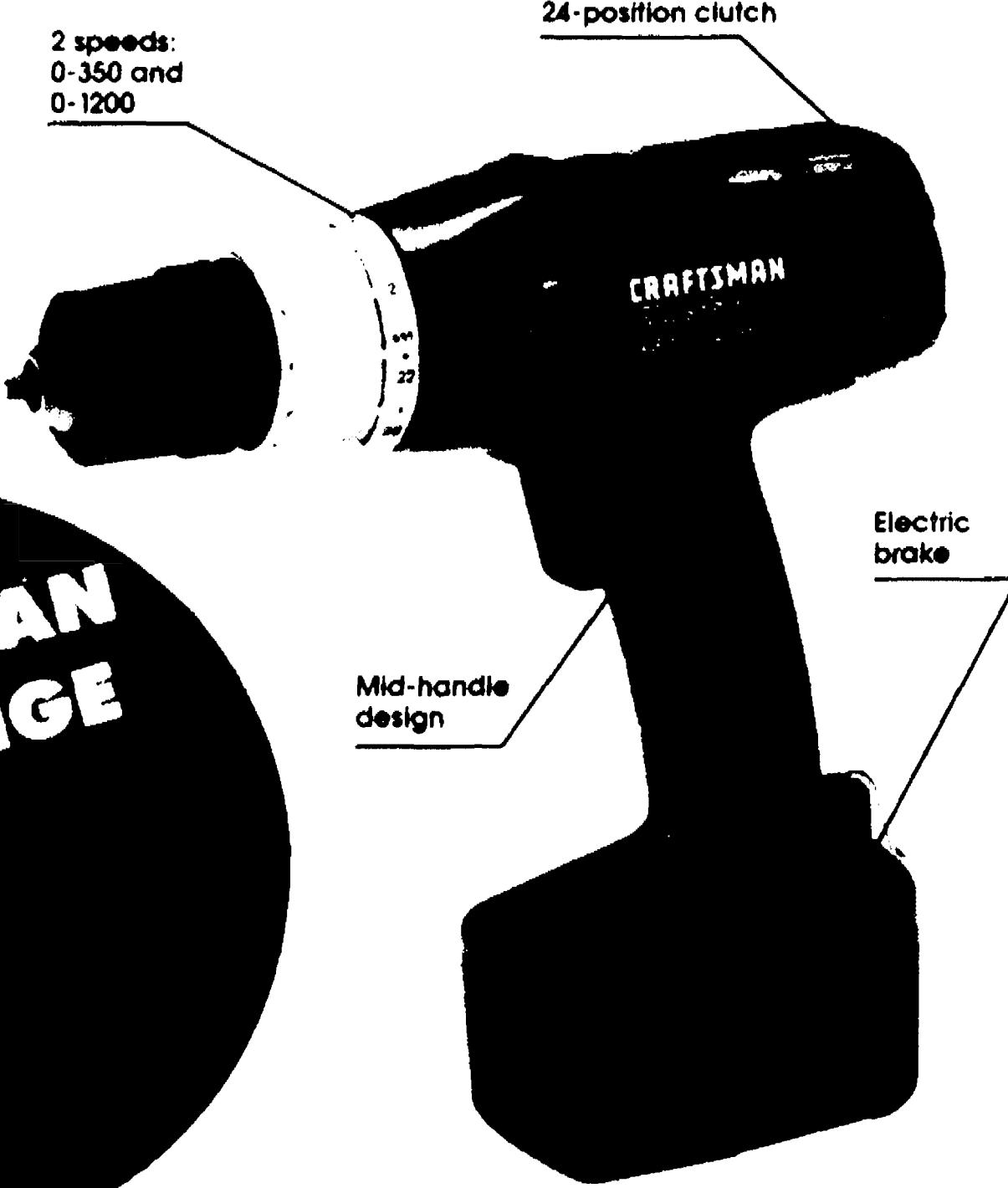
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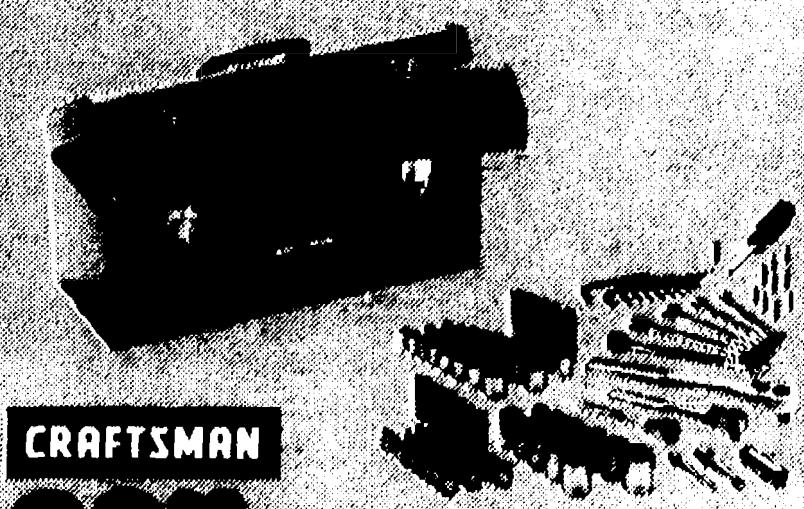
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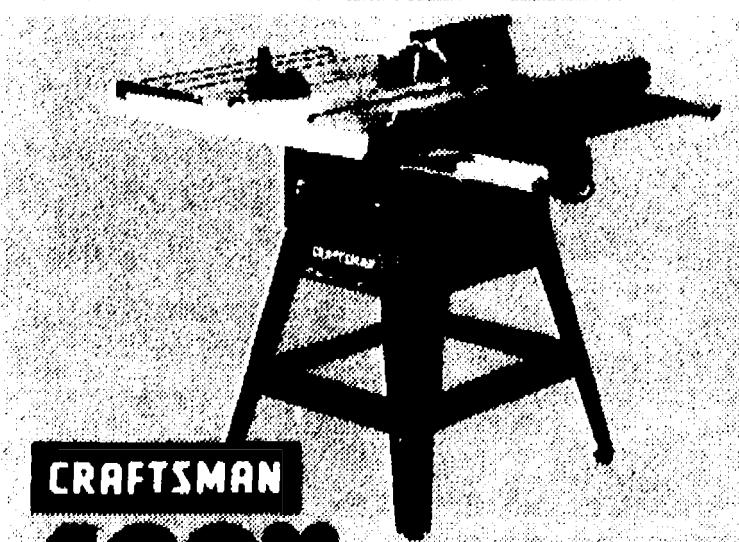
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